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OF THE

FIVE ORDERS,

AS EMPLOYED IN DECORATIVE ARCHITECTURE.

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PREFACE.

THE WORK here respectfully submitted to the Public will be found to comprehend the PRESENT PRACTICE OF THE ART OF BUILDING, reduced to PURELY SCIENTIFIC and GEOMETRICAL PRINCIPLES, and yet explained in a manner so simple, as to be easily intelligible to any attentive Reader.

To facilitate this important object, the Author has commenced with a short Treatise on GEOMETRY, theoretical and practical, peculiarly adapted to the general object of the Work, and containing such theorems and problems only as are *absolutely necessary* to be understood by every person connected with the leading departments of the art.

And here the writer cannot refrain from adding a few words, with a view to impress upon the minds of WORKMEN engaged in the construction of buildings, whether CARPENTER, JOINER, MASON, or BRICKLAYER, the PARAMOUNT and UNSPEAKABLE IMPORTANCE of obtaining some knowledge of the PRINCIPLES of GEOMETRY; since, of all the numerous classes, concerned in mechanical arts, THEY require the most intimate acquaintance with this science.

The execution of the design of the architect is generally left to the skill of the workman; who is, of course, presumed to be fully competent to the performance of the task which he undertakes. Now, if he be not practically acquainted with the *geometrical* construction of the object to be executed, he is not only unfit for the undertaking, but, at every step

that he takes, he will manifest his ignorance and inability, and eventually overwhelm himself with confusion and disgrace. While persons of this description draw down upon themselves such merited degradation, those who, by assiduous application, have made themselves masters of the principles of geometry, and have obtained a clear and comprehensive view of the practical application of these principles, will not fail to enjoy that intellectual satisfaction which results from a successful termination of efforts, conducted with scientific skill, and crowned with general approbation; and, at the same time, open for themselves a legitimate path to that reputation which directly and naturally leads to opulence and independence.

The articles on CARPENTRY and JOINERY are treated at great length, as their superior importance demand. Indeed, it has been the chief study of the Author's life to give to these two branches the utmost degree of scientific connection and development of which they are susceptible.

In MASONRY, the artist will find an ample detail of the methods of cutting stone, illustrated by several plates, answering to most purposes which present themselves. And since the principles laid down in this Work are every where of a general tendency, the judgement of the workman will enable him to apply them wherever difficulties may occur.

The art of BRICKLAYING is but little connected with the study of geometrical lines; since the texture of bricks is such as will not admit of their being moulded to the different shapes which the ingenuity of the architect might devise. However, in order to render the present Work complete, and to obviate, as far as possible, every difficulty, several plates are introduced, illustrative of the various forms of arches, niches, &c.

Few things are more important than a clear idea of the mutual connection of the various parts of a building. The author has, therefore, introduced a section, in which he has endeavoured to show, from first principles only, the dependance which each part has upon some other.

The various trades connected with building, as PLASTERING, PAINTING, GLAZING, PLUMBING, &c. will be found to be treated of in as complete a manner as was practicable; these branches not admitting of any very scientific development.

A comprehensive Treatise on the FIVE ORDERS is subjoined to the trades accessory to building: these Orders, with their appropriate embellishments, form the basis and superstructure of architectural decoration. The parts of the Orders are drawn on a scale which speaks to the eye, and renders all farther detail unnecessary. The parts are given in modules and minutes; this being the best mode of exhibiting their proportions, so as to be most readily and clearly comprehended by the workman and student.

In order to increase the utility of the Work, to the BUILDER and CONTRACTOR, a select series of designs, in the modern style, accommodated to the various ranks of society, have been introduced; and, for the use of the ARCHITECTURAL STUDENT, that no accomplishment which might facilitate the operations of the draughtsman, or furnish the designer with more correct ideas, or more extensive views, may be wanting, the RULES of PROJECTION, and the PRINCIPLES of PERSPECTIVE, are presented; and in the most familiar and simple manner in which the subject could be conceived.

The Work concludes with a copious GLOSSARY of the most useful terms employed by architects and builders.

On the whole, the following Treatise will be found to contain a much greater variety of subjects than any similar work; and, in the method of treating the various articles, the studious reader will discover many things entirely new. Thus, for example, in the designs for roofs, several modes are brought forward, for the first time, interesting, both with respect to the disposition and joining of the timbers; and the examples which are given

will be found of the greatest utility to the practical builder, in regulating his ideas with respect to any design under consideration, however much it may differ from any of the forms exhibited here.

The schemes or diagrams are proportioned in their size to their probable utility; and the strictest regard has been paid to giving to all the parts of each figure their respective and just proportions.

Finally, from the important information collected, the natural arrangement adopted, and the numerous and valuable illustrations exhibited in the course of this Work, the Author flatters himself that he will be found to have rendered an important service to a numerous and highly meritorious class of his fellow-subjects; whilst even the most inattentive observer cannot but acknowledge that the Publisher has spared no expense to render the Work deserving of extensive patronage and general approbation. The grand principle of the undertaking is obvious: it is equally calculated to instruct the untaught, and to assist the intelligent; to promote a generous emulation, and at once to incite and satisfy enquiry into the elements and practice of those branches of science, than which no others are more conducive to the comfort and happiness of mankind.

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CHAPTER I.

THE ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY.

GEOMETRY is a science which considers the properties of lines and angles, as formed according to some certain law; as, also, the construction of all manner of figures, according to given *data*.

It is divided into two branches; one of which considers the relations, positions, and properties, of lines, so as to render a proposition clear to the understanding without the aid of compasses or other instruments; being demonstrated, by a continued chain of reasoning, from certain principles previously established and laid down as axioms; so that the conclusions from one truth become part of the *data* for the proof of a succeeding proposition. This, which is called the Theory of Geometry, is fully explained by EUCLID, in his celebrated "ELEMENTS," which have served as the basis of all succeeding treatises on the subject: and so much of those Elements as may be required in the practice of Architecture will be found included in the present work.

The other branch of geometry is entirely *practical*, and may be acquired without the theory, according to the directions hereafter given; although with a knowledge of the reasons of the rules it will be more satisfactory. It is this practical branch that enables the architect to regulate his designs, and the artizan to construct his lines, so as to enable him to execute the work. Without the aid of this branch of knowledge, the workman will be unfit for

any undertaking whatever; and, so long as he is ignorant of the methods of geometrical construction, he must remain under the control and direction of a superior in his own class.

The definitions and problems, which follow, are calculated to instruct the uninformed mechanic, and will qualify him for proceeding to the remaining parts of this treatise, wherein it will be found that the application of this branch of science is absolutely necessary.

The uses of Geometry are not confined to Carpentry and Architecture: Astronomy, Navigation, Perspective, and numerous other branches, are entirely dependent upon it. "It conducts the soldier in the field, and the seaman on the ocean; it gives strength to the fortress, and elegance to the palace." In short, there is no mechanical profession that does not derive considerable advantage from it. One workman is superior to another, in proportion to his knowledge of the subject we are now commenting upon, and which we are about to explain.

The Terms are here as clearly defined as the nature of the subject will admit, and the Problems are put in a regular succession; so that nothing is introduced, in any problem, as taken for granted, but what has been explained in some problem previously given. This selection, though not very numerous, is sufficient to enable the student to proceed with the remaining parts of the work, to which it is specially adapted: and every attention has been paid to divest the diagrams of superfluous lines, without rendering them less intelligible.

GEOMETRIC DEFINITIONS.

1. A POINT is considered as that which has position without magnitude. *Practically*, a Point is the smallest visible mark upon a surface, as at *figure 1*, *plate I*.

2. A LINE is considered as length, without breadth or thickness; having extension only in one direction, as *figures 2 and 3*, (*plate I*.) which may be conceived to be made by the trace of a point, pen, or pencil.

3. A RIGHT or STRAIGHT LINE is that which lies evenly between its extremes or ends. If two straight lines coincide in two points, all the intermediate points will coincide also.

Thus, *fig. 3*, (*pl. I.*) represents a straight line, and *fig. 2*, a curve, or crooked line: the latter may be formed either by regular inflexions, or portions of straight lines, or both.

4. A SUPERFICIES, or SURFACE, is that which is considered as having length and breadth without depth.

Thus the outward parts of any body, which are exhibited to the eye, are termed the *superficies* of that body.

5. A PLANE SUPERFICIES or PLANE SURFACE, is that on which a straight line, drawn through any given point, in any position, will coincide.

6. A PLANE FIGURE, or DIAGRAM, or SCHEME, is the representation of any thing on a plane surface, by means of lines. When the lines are straight, the figure is said to be *rectilineal*.

7. An ANGLE is a space between two lines meeting in a point. A PLANE RECTILINEAL ANGLE is the space between two straight lines so meeting.

Thus, *fig. 4*, (*pl. I.*) is a *plane rectilineal angle*.

8. Two straight lines are said to *converge*, when they meet each other, if *produced* or continued; as in *fig. 5*.

9. When one straight line stands upon another, and makes the angles on each side equal to each other, each of the equal angles is called a RIGHT ANGLE, and the line which stands upon the other is called a *perpendicular* to that other line.

Thus, in *fig. 6*, (*pl. I.*) if the line CD stand upon AB, and make the angles on both sides of CD equal; each of these angles is a *right angle*. In *fig. 7*, the line CD does not make the angles on each side of it equal to each other: in this case, CD is said to stand at *oblique angles* to AB; and in the former case, *fig. 6*, CD is said to stand at right angles to AB.

10. An ACUTE ANGLE is that which is *less* than a right angle.

11. An OBTUSE ANGLE is that which is *greater* than a right angle.

In *fig. 7*, as *CD* makes the angles on each side of it unequal, one of them must be greater than the other: the greater must, therefore, be an *obtuse angle*, and the less an *acute angle*. And, as the space around the point *C* is the same, whatever be the position of the line *CD*, with respect to *AB*, what the one angle has in excess above the right angle, the other will have as much in defect.

Figure 8, (*pl. I.*) is an *acute angle*; *fig. 9*, a *right angle*; and *fig. 10*, an *obtuse angle*.

12. A PLANE TRIANGLE is a space inclosed by three straight lines.

Thus, *figures 11, 12, 13, and 14*, are *triangles*.

13. A RIGHT-ANGLED TRIANGLE is that which has one right angle.

Thus, *fig. 11* is a *right-angled triangle*.

14. AN ACUTE-ANGLED TRIANGLE is that which has all its angles *acute*; as *figures 12 and 13*.

15. AN OBTUSE-ANGLED TRIANGLE is that which has one *obtuse* angle; as *fig. 14*.

16. AN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE is that which has all its sides *equal*; as *fig. 12*.

17. AN ISOSCELES TRIANGLE is that which has two equal sides; as *fig. 13*.

18. A SCALENE TRIANGLE is that which has no two of its sides equal; as *fig. 14*.

19. PARALLEL LINES are lines on the same plane, which cannot meet, though produced or continued ever so far from each extremity (*fig. 15.*)

20. A PARALLELOGRAM is a figure whose opposite sides are *parallel*.

Thus, *figures 16, 17, 18, and 19*, are *parallelograms*.

21. When the parallelogram has one of its angles a right-angle, it is called a RECTANGLE. Thus, *figures 16 and 17* are *rectangles*.

22. When the sides of the rectangle are equal, it is called a SQUARE.

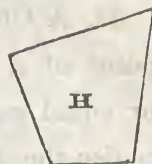
Thus, *fig. 16* is a *square*.

23. When the two adjacent sides are unequal, the rectangle is called an OBLONG; as *fig. 17*.

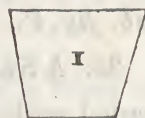
24. If only two opposite angles of a parallelogram be equal, the figure is called a RHOMBUS; as *figures* F and G.

25. If two adjacent sides of a rhombus be equal, the figure is called a RHOM-BO-ID; as *fig.* G.

26. Every figure, inclosed by four right lines, is called a QUADRANGLE, OR QUADRILATERAL. Thus, *figures* D, E, F, G, H, and I, are *quadrangles*, or *quadrilaterals*.

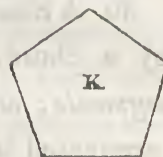


27. When all the sides of a quadrilateral are unequal, it is called a TRAPEZIUM.

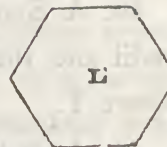


28. If two sides of a trapezium be parallel, it is called a TRAPEZOID; as *figure* I.

29. Figures having equal sides and equal angles, or equilateral and equiangular figures, formed by more than four right lines, are called REGULAR POLYGONS.



30. A regular polygon of *five* sides is called a PENTAGON; as *figure* K.

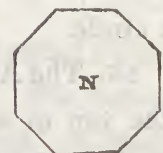


31. A regular polygon of *six* sides is called a HEXAGON; as *figure* L.

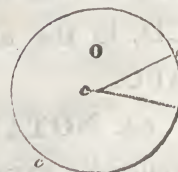
32. A regular polygon of *seven* sides is called a HEPTAGON; as *figure* M.



33. A regular polygon of *eight* sides is called an OCTAGON; as *fig.* N. Of nine sides, an *eneagon* or *nonagon*; of ten sides, a *decagon*; of eleven sides, a *undecagon*; of twelve sides, a *duodecagon*; of fifteen sides, a *quindecagon*: but polygons having more than twelve sides are commonly expressed as such, with the number of sides.

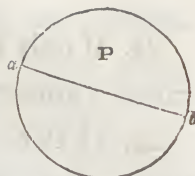


34. A CIRCLE is a plane figure formed by one uniform curved line only, which is called its *circumference*. (*Fig.* O.)

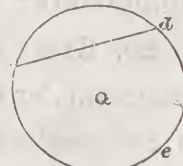


35. The CENTRE of a circle is the point in the middle of it, as *c* in *fig.* O; and the line *cd*, drawn from the centre to the circumference, is the *radius* of the circle; all lines, *radii*, thus drawn, are equal.

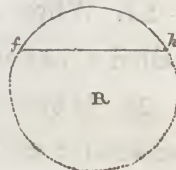
36. The **DIAMETER** of a circle is a right line, drawn through the centre, and terminated on both sides by the circumference; as *ab*, *figure P*.



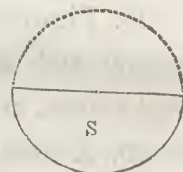
37. A **CHORD** of a circle is a right line, drawn from one point of a circle to another, and dividing it into unequal or equal parts, or *segments*. In the latter case, the chord is also the diameter. Thus, *cd*, *fig. Q*, is a *chord*, as well as *ab*, *fig. P*.



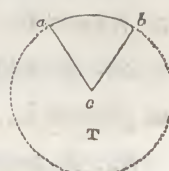
38. A **SEMI-CIRCLE** is one-half of a circle, as divided into two equal parts by the diameter.



39. A **SEGMENT** of a circle is that portion which is cut off by a chord. Thus, in *figures Q* and *R*, *cde* and *fgh* are *segments*; and *fig. S*, though a semi-circle, is still a segment, terminated by the diameter.



40. A **SECTOR** is the portion of a circle formed by two radii and the intercepted part of the circumference; as *abc*, *figure T*.

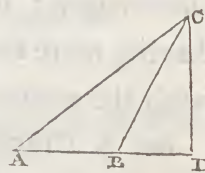


41. A **QUADRANT** is the fourth part or quarter of a circle; or, in other words, a sector contained by two radii, forming a right angle at the centre, and the intercepted part of the circumference; as *acb*, *fig. U*.



42. An **ARC** or **ARCH** is any portion of the circumference of a circle.

43. The **ALTITUDE** of a figure is a right line drawn from the top or vertical angle perpendicular to the base or opposite side, or to the base *produced* or continued. Thus *CD*, in the annexed figure, is the altitude of the triangle *ABC*.



44. **NOTATION**.—It has been already shown (*Art. 7*) that an angle is generally expressed by three letters, as *ABC*, of which the middle one denotes the *vertex*, or angular point. The signs used in Algebraic Notation will be explained hereafter, under the proper head; but as several therein explained

may previously occur, it is proper here to notice that, + (*plus*) signifies *more*, or one quantity or thing added to another: The sign - (*minus*) signifies *less*, or one quantity subtracted from another: = means *is*, or *are*, *equal to*: \times denotes *multiplication*, as $A \times B$, that is, A multiplied into B , or as $4 \times 5 = 20$: \div is the sign of *division*, as $36 \div 3$ or $\frac{36}{3} = 12$. $::$ denotes equality of *proportion*; thus, $a : b :: c : d$, signifies that a bears the same proportion to b as c to d ; or, as 6 to 9 :: 2 to 3. \angle signifies an *angle*: $\angle s$, *angles*: \triangle a *triangle*: \perp a *perpendicular*.

45. GENERAL TERMS USED IN GEOMETRY.—An AXIOM is a truth so evident as to require no demonstration. A THEOREM is a truth or proposition to be demonstrated by a process of reasoning. A PROBLEM is something proposed to be done. A LEMMA is a truth premised, in order to facilitate a following demonstration or solution: this term is rejected by some Geometricians as unnecessary. A PROPOSITION is a common term for a Theorem or Problem. A COROLLARY is a truth or deduction which arises from a preceding demonstration. A SCHOLIUM is a remark explanatory of some deduction from a preceding proposition. An HYPOTHESIS is something supposed or premised in a proposition, and from which some certain consequence is deduced.

46. AXIOMS.—The AXIOMS are as follow: 1. Things that are equal to the same thing, or to equal things, are equal to one another. 2. If equal things be added to equals, the sums or wholes will be equal. 3. If equal things be taken from equals, the remainders will be equal. 4. If equal things be added to unequals, the sums or wholes will be unequal. 5. The halves of equal things are equal, and the doubles of equal things are equal. 6. Magnitudes that mutually agree, or fill equal spaces, are equal to one another. 7. The whole is greater than a part, and equal to all its parts. 8. Only one right line can be drawn from one point to another. 9. Two right lines cannot be drawn through the same point parallel to another right line, without coinciding with each other. 10. All right angles are equal to each other. 11. Equal circles have equal semi-diameters.

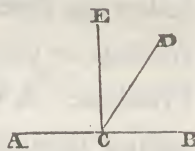
47. POSTULATES, or DEMANDS.—A POSTULATE signifies something which may be assumed as granted. Hence it may be granted, 1st, That a right line may be drawn from any one point to any other point: 2dly, That a line may be *produced*, that is continued or lengthened at pleasure: 3dly, That a circle may be described from any centre, at any distance therefrom, or with any radius.

THEOREMS.

THEOREM 1.

48. If one right line, as CD, touch or cut another right line, AB, at any point between its two ends, it makes two adjacent angles, BCD, ACD, which, together, are equal to two right angles.

DEMONSTRATION.—If CD were perpendicular to AB, each of the angles, DCB and DCA, would be a right angle; but, as ECD is the excess of DCA above a right angle, and DCB is less than a right angle by the same quantity, the angles DCB and DCA must be equal to two right angles.

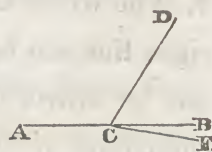


49. COROLLARY.—If one of the angles be a right angle, the other also must be a right angle. Again, if ever so many right lines stand thus on one point C, on the same side of a right line AB, the sum of all the angles are equal to two right angles; and all the angles formed about the same point, by any number of lines, are altogether equal to four right angles.

THEOREM 2.

50. If the sum of two adjacent angles ACD, DCB, be equal to two right angles, the exterior or outer sides, ACB, will form one right line.

For, if CB be not the continuation of AC, assume CE as its continuation. In this case the sum of the angles ACD, DCE, (by *theorem 1*,) must be equal to two right angles; but, by hypothesis, the sum of ACD, DCB, is equal to two right angles; therefore the angles ACD, DCE, are equal to the two angles

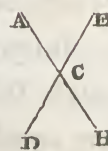


ACD, DCB (*Ax.* 1, page 15); and, taking from each of these equal angles the angle ACD, there will remain the angle DCE, equal to DCB, or a part equal to the whole, which is impossible.

THEOREM 3.

51. When two straight lines, AB, DE, cut each other, the opposite angles are equal.

For, since DE is a straight line, the sum of the two angles ACD, ACE, is equal to two right angles (*theorem* 1); and, because AB is a straight line, the sum of the angles ACE, ECB, is equal to two right angles (*theorem* 1); therefore the sum of the angles ACD, ACE, is equal to the sum of the angles ACE, ECB; and, taking away from each the common angle ACE, there will remain the angle ACD, equal to the vertical opposite angle ECB.

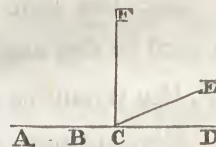


THEOREM 4.

52. Two straight lines, which have two common points, coincide entirely throughout their whole extent.

Let A and B be the two common points; in the first place, the two lines can make but one from A to B, (*Ax.* 10, *p.* 15).

If it were possible that they could separate, let C be the point of separation, and let us suppose that one of them takes the

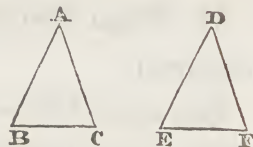


direction CD, and the other CE. At the point C suppose CF to be drawn, perpendicular to AC; then, because ACD is, by hypothesis, a straight line, the angle FCD is a right angle; (*Def. art.* 9;) in like manner, because ACE is supposed to be a straight line, the angle FCE is a right angle; therefore the angles FCD, FCE, are equal; but this is impossible (*Ax.* 9, *page* 15); therefore the two straight lines, which have two common points, A and B, cannot separate, but must form one continued line.

THEOREM 5.

53. Two triangles are equal when, in the one, an angle and the two sides which contain it are equal, in the other, to an angle and the two sides which contain it.

Let the angle A be equal to the angle D, the side AB equal to DE, and the side AC equal to DF; then the triangles ABC, DEF, shall be equal.

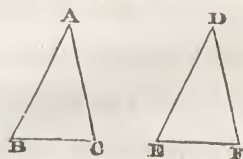


Suppose the triangle ABC to be placed upon the triangle DEF, so that AB may be upon DE; then, because the angles A and D are equal, AC will fall upon DF; and, because AB is equal to DE, and AC equal to DF, the point B will coincide with E, and C with F: therefore, the base BC will coincide with the base EF (*theorem 4*); and, since the sides of the triangles coincide, the other two angles must also coincide; that is, they must be equal to each other.

THEOREM 6.

54. Two triangles are equal when a side and two adjacent angles of the one are respectively equal to a side and two adjacent angles of the other.

Let the side BC be equal to the side EF, the angle B equal to the angle E, and the angle C equal to the angle F, the triangles shall be equal.



For, suppose the triangle ABC to be placed upon the triangle DEF, so that their bases, BC and EF, may coincide; then, because the angles B and E are equal, the straight line BA will fall upon ED; and, because the angles C and F are equal, the straight line CA will fall upon FD: therefore, the three sides of one triangle will coincide with the three sides of the other; and, consequently, the triangles themselves will be equal: and, since therefore the sides of the triangles coincide, the corresponding angles will be equal.

THEOREM 7.

55. Any two sides of a triangle are together equal to more than a third side.

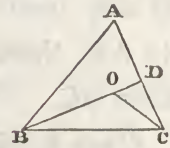
For, in the triangle, ABC , the straight line BC is the shortest line that can be drawn from B to C ; therefore the sum of the two sides, BA, AC , is greater than BC .



THEOREM 8.

56. If from any point, as O , within a triangle, ABC , there be drawn two straight lines, OB, OC , one to each extremity of any side, as BC , their sum is less than the sum of the other two sides of the triangle.

Produce BO till it meet AC in D ; the line OC is less than the sum of the two lines OD, DC (*theorem 7*); and, adding to these unequals the line BO , the sum of the two lines, BO, OC , is less than the sum of the three lines BO, OD, DC (*ax. 4, p. 15*); that is, the sum of the two lines BO, OC , is less than the sum of the two lines BD, DC .

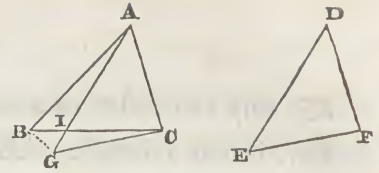


In like manner, BD is less than the sum of the two lines BA, AD ; and, adding DC to these unequals, the sum of the two straight lines, BD, DC , is less than the sum of the three straight lines BA, AD, DC ; that is, the two straight lines BD, DC , are less than the two straight lines BA, AC ; but the two straight lines BO, OC , have been shown to be less than the two straight lines BD, DC ; and, therefore, much less is the sum of the two straight lines BO, OC , than that of the two sides BA, AC , of the triangle ABC .

THEOREM 9.

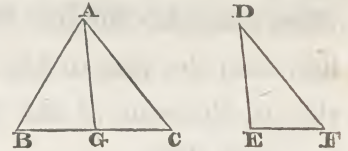
57. If any two sides AB, AC , of a triangle, ABC , are equal to two sides DE, DF , of another triangle DEF , each to each, and if the angle BAC , contained by the sides, AB, AC , be greater than the angle EDF , contained by the sides ED, DF , the base BC of the triangle which has the greater angle shall be greater than the base EF of the other triangle.

Make the angle CAG equal to D, take AG equal to DE or AB, and join CG; and because the two triangles CAG, DEF, have an angle of the one equal to an angle of the other, and the sides which contain these angles are equal, CG shall be equal to EF (*theorem 5*). Now there may be three cases, according as the point G falls without the triangle ABC, or on the side BC, or within the triangle.

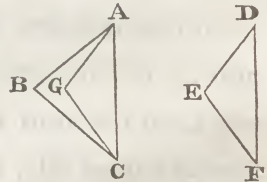


CASE 1.—Because GC is less than the sum of the two straight lines GI, IC; and AB less than the sum of the two straight lines AI, IB: therefore, the sum of the two straight lines GC, AB, is less than the sum of the four straight lines GI, IC, AI, IB; that is, the sum of the two straight lines GC, AB, is less than the sum of the two straight lines AG, BC; but AG is equal to AB, therefore GC is less than BC; but $GC = EF$, therefore EF is less than BC.

CASE 2.—If the point G fall on BC, it is evident that GC, or its equal EF, is less than BC.



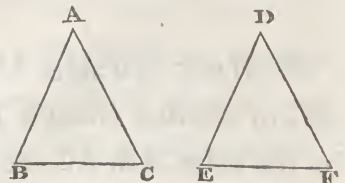
CASE 3.—Lastly, if the point G fall within the triangle ABC, by *theorem 8*, we have the sum of the two straight lines AG, GC, less than the sum of the two straight lines AB, BC; but since AB is equal to AG, we shall have GC less than BC; and, consequently, EF less than BC.



THEOREM 10.

58. One triangle is equal to another, when the three sides of the first are respectively equal to the three sides of the second.

Let the side AB be equal to DE, AC equal to DF, and BC equal to EF; then shall the angle A be equal to the angle D, the angle B equal to the angle E, and the angle C equal to the angle F. For, if the angle A were greater than D, then, as the two sides AB, AC, are equal to the two sides DE, DF, each to each, it would follow (*theorem 9*) that the side BC



would be greater than EF ; and, if the angle A were *less* than the angle D , BC would be less than EF ; therefore, the angle A can neither be greater nor less than the angle D ; the angle A must therefore be equal to the angle D . In like manner, it may be proved that the angle B is equal to E , and C equal to F .

59. COROLLARY.—Whence it appears that, in two equal triangles the equal angles are opposite to the equal sides; for the equal angles A and D are opposite to the equal sides BC and EF .

THEOREM 11.

60. The angles opposite to the equal sides of an isosceles triangle are equal.

Let the side AB be equal to AC ; then shall the angle C equal the angle B . For, suppose AD to be drawn from the vertex A to the middle point D , of the base BC ; then the two triangles ADB , ADC , will have the two sides AB , BD , of the one equal to the two sides AC , CD , of the other, each to each; and AD is common to both: therefore the angle B shall be equal to the angle C .



61. COROLLARY 1.—Hence every equilateral triangle is also equiangular.

62. COROLLARY 2.—A straight line drawn from the vertex of an isosceles triangle to the middle of the base will bisect the vertical angle, and be perpendicular to the base.

THEOREM 12.

63. If two angles of a triangle be equal, the opposite sides shall be equal, and the triangle shall be isosceles.

Let the angle ABC be equal to ACB , the side AC shall be equal to the side AB .

For, if the two sides AB , AC , are not equal, let AB be greater than AC , and from BA cut off BD , equal to CA , and join CD ; the angle DBC is, by hypothesis, equal to the angle ACB , and the two sides DB , BC , are equal to the two sides AC , CB ; therefore the triangle DBC is equal

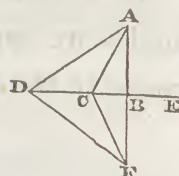


to the triangle ACB, the less to the greater, which is impossible (*ax. 9, p. 15*); therefore AB cannot be unequal to AC, but must be equal to it.

THEOREM 13.

64. From a point A, without a straight line DE, only one perpendicular can be drawn to that line.

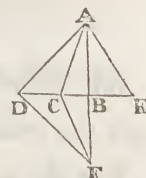
For, suppose it were possible to draw AB, AC, perpendicular from the same point A, upon the straight line DE; produce one of them, AB, to F, so that BF may be equal to AB, and join FC; and, because AB is equal to BF, and BC is common to the two triangles ABC, FBC, and the angles ABC and FBC are equal; the angle ACB is equal to FCB (*theorem 5*); therefore AC and CF must be a continued line (*theorem 2*); and so, through the two points A, F, two straight lines, AF and ACF, may be drawn, that do not coincide; which is impossible: and, therefore, it is equally impossible that two perpendiculars can be drawn from the same point to the same straight line.



THEOREM 14.

65. Of all the lines that can be drawn from a given point A, to a given straight line DE, the perpendicular is the shortest; and of the other lines, that which is nearer the perpendicular is less than that which is more remote; and those two lines, on opposite sides, and at equal distances, from the perpendicular, are equal.

Produce the perpendicular, so that BF may be equal to AB, and draw the straight lines AC, AD, and AE, to meet DE in C, D, and E, and join FC, FD, &c.



The triangles BCF and BCA are equal (*theorem 5*); for BF is equal to BA, and BC common; therefore CF is equal to CA. Now AF is less than AC + CF (*theorem 7*); therefore, taking the halves, AB is less than AC; that is, the perpendicular is the shortest line that can be drawn from A to DE.

Next, suppose BE equal to BC; then the triangles ABE and ABC will be equal (*theorem 5*), for they have BA common, and the angles ABE and ABC

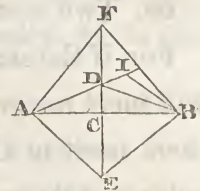
equal; therefore AE is equal to AC ; that is, two oblique lines equally distant from the perpendicular, on opposite sides, are equal.

In the triangle ADF , the sum of AC and CF is less than the sum of AD and DF (*theorem 8*); therefore AC , the half of $AC+CF$, is less than AD , the half of $AD+DF$; that is, the oblique line, which is farther from the perpendicular, is greater than that which is nearer to it.

THEOREM 15.

66. If through the point C , the middle of the straight line AB , a perpendicular be drawn to that line, every point in the perpendicular is equally distant from the extremities of the line AB , and every point out of the perpendicular is unequally distant from these extremities.

Because AC is equal to BC , the two oblique lines AD , BD , which are equally distant from the perpendicular, are equal (*theorem 14*). The same is also true of the two oblique lines AE , EB , and of the two oblique lines AF , FB , &c. Therefore, every point in the perpendicular is equally distant from the ends of the line.

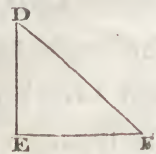
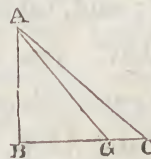


Let I be a point out of the perpendicular. If IA , IB , be joined, one of them will cut the perpendicular in D ; therefore, drawing DB , we have DB equal to DA : but IB is less than $ID+DB$, and $ID+DB$ is equal to $ID+DA$ equal to IA ; therefore IB is less than IA : that is, any point out of the perpendicular is unequally distant from the extremities A and B .

THEOREM 16.

67. Two right-angled triangles are equal if the hypotenuse and a side of the one be equal to the hypotenuse and a side of the other.

Let the hypotenuse (or longest side) AC be equal to the hypotenuse DF , and the side AB equal to the side DE , and the right-angled triangle ABC shall be equal to the right-angled triangle DEF .

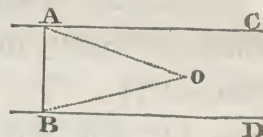


The proposition will be evidently true if it can be proved that BC is equal to EF (*theorem 10*). Let us suppose, if it be possible, that these sides are unequal, and that BC is the greater. Take BG equal to EF , and join AG . The triangles ABG and DEF , having AB equal to DE , and BG equal to EF , by hypothesis, and also having the angle ABG equal to DEF , they will be equal (*theorem 5*): therefore AG is equal to DF ; but DF is equal to AC ; therefore AG is equal to AC : that is, two oblique lines, one more remote from the perpendicular than the other, are equal; which is impossible (*theorem 15*): therefore, BC is not unequal to EF , and hence the triangle ABC is equal to the triangle DEF .

THEOREM 17.

68. Two straight lines perpendicular to a third are parallel.

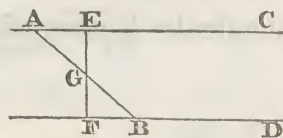
For, if the straight lines AC , BD , be not parallel, they will meet on one side or the other of the line AB ; let them meet in O ; then AC and OB are both perpendicular to AB , from the same point O ; which is impossible (*theorem 13*).



THEOREM 18.

69. If two straight lines, AC and BD , make, with a third, AB , the sum of the two interior angles CAB , ABD , equal to two right angles, these two straight lines are parallel.

From G , the middle of AB , draw EGF , perpendicular to AC : then, since the sum of the angles ABD , ABF , is equal to two right angles (*theorem 1*), and, by hypothesis, the sum of the two angles ABD , BAC , is also equal to two right angles; therefore the two angles ABD , ABF , are together equal to the sum of the two angles ABD , BAC ; and, taking away the common angle ABD , there remains the angle $ABF = BAC$; that is, GBF equal to GAE . But the angles BGF and AGE are also equal (*theorem 3*); and, since BG is equal to GA , therefore the triangles BGF and AGE , having a side and two adjacent angles of the one equal to a side and two adjacent angles of the other, are equal (*theorem 6*),

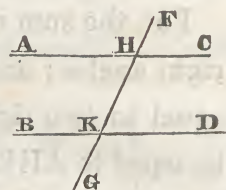


and the angle BFG is equal to AEG; but AEG is, by construction, a right angle; therefore, BFG is also a right angle; and, since GEC is a right angle, the straight lines EC and FD are perpendicular to EF, and are, therefore, parallel to each other (*theorem 17*).

THEOREM 19.

70. If two straight lines, AC, BD, make with a third, HK, the alternate angles, AHK and HKD, equal, the two lines are parallel.

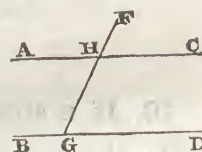
For, adding KHC to each of the angles AHK, HKD, the sum of the angles AHK, KHC, is equal to the sum of the angles HKD, KHC; but the angles AHK, KHC, are together equal to two right angles; therefore, also, the angles HKD, KHC, are also equal to two right angles; and, consequently, AC is parallel to BD (*theorem 18*).



THEOREM 20.

71. If two straight lines, AC, BD, are cut by a third, FG, so as to make the exterior angle, FHC, equal to the interior and opposite angle, HGD, on the same side, the two lines are parallel.

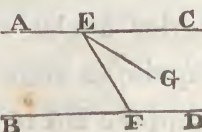
For, since the angle FHC is equal to the angle AHG, and since, when AC is parallel to BD, the angle AHG is equal to HGD (*theorem 19*), therefore the angle FHC is equal to HGD.



THEOREM 21.

72. If a straight line, EF, meet two parallel straight lines, AC, BD, the sum of the inward angles CEF, EFD, on the same side, will be equal to two right angles.

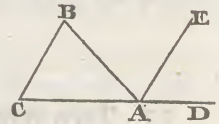
For, if not, suppose EG to be drawn through E, so that the sum of the angles GEF and EFD may be two right angles; then EG will be parallel to BD (*theorem 18*); and thus, through the same point E, two straight lines, EG, EC, are drawn, each parallel to BD; which is impossible (*ax. 11, p. 15*); therefore no straight



THEOREM 27.

79. In any triangle, if one of the sides be *produced*, the exterior angle is equal to both the interior and opposite angles ; and the three interior angles are equal to two right angles.

Let ABC be a triangle ; produce any one of its sides, AC towards D ; and, from the point A, let AE be drawn, parallel to BC ; and, because of the parallels CB and AE, and the angle $EAD = C$, and the angle $EAB = B$ (*theorems 22, 23*) ; therefore the sum of the two angles, EAD, EAB, is equal to the sum of the two angles C and B ; that is, since the angle BAD is equal to the sum of the two angles BAE, EAD, the angle BAD is equal to the sum of the angles B, C. Hence the outward angle is equal to the sum of the inward opposite angles.



Again, because the angle BAD is equal to the sum of the angles B and C, add to each the angle BAC, and the sum of the two angles BAC, BAD, will be equal to the sum of the three angles BAC, B, C, or the three angles of the triangle ; but the sum of the two angles BAC, BAD, is equal to two right angles (*theorem 1*) ; therefore the sum of the three angles of a triangle is equal to two right angles.

80. COROLLARY 1.—If two angles of one triangle be equal to two angles of another triangle, each to each, the third angle of the one shall be equal to the third angle of the other, and the triangles shall be equi-angular.

81. COROLLARY 2.—A triangle can have only one right angle.

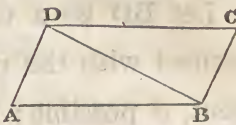
82. COROLLARY 3.—In any right-angled triangle the sum of the two acute angles is equal to a right angle.

83. COROLLARY 4.—In an equilateral triangle, each of the angles is one-third of two right angles.

THEOREM 28.

84. The opposite sides of a parallelogram are equal, as well as the opposite angles.

Draw the diagonal BD. The triangles ADB, DBC, have the common side DB; also, because of the parallels, AB, CD, the angle ABD is equal to CDB (*theorem 22*); and, because of the parallels AD, BC, the angle ADB is equal to DBC; therefore the triangles (*theorem 6*) and the sides AB, DC, which are opposite the equal angles, are equal. In like manner AD and BC are equal; therefore the opposite sides of the parallelogram are equal.



Again, from the equality of the triangles, it follows, that the angle A is equal to the angle C; and it has been shown that the angles ADB, BDC, are respectively equal to the angles CBD, DBA; therefore the whole angle ADC is equal to the whole angle ABC, and thus the opposite angles are equal.

85. COROLLARY.—Two parallels, AB, CD, comprehended between two other parallels, AD, BC, are equal.

THEOREM 29.

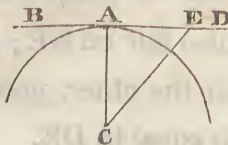
86. If the opposite sides of a quadrilateral be equal, the figure is a parallelogram.

For, drawing the diagonal BD, (as above,) the triangles ABD, BDC, have the three sides equal, each to each; therefore the angle ADB, opposite to the side AB, is equal to the angle CBD, opposite to the side CD (*theorem 10*); hence the side AD is parallel to BC (*theorem 19*). For the like reason AB is parallel to CD: therefore the quadrilateral, ABCD, is a parallelogram.

THEOREM 30.

87. A straight line, BD, drawn perpendicular to the extremity of a radius, CA, is a *tangent* to the circumference.

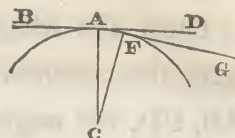
For every oblique line, CE, is longer than the perpendicular CA (*theorem 15*); therefore the point E must be without the circle; and since this is true of every point in the line BD, except the point A, the line BD is a *tangent* (*def. 9, p. 11*).



THEOREM 31.

88. Only one tangent can be drawn from a point, A, in the circumference of a circle.

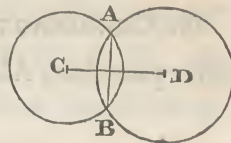
Let BD be a tangent at A, in the circumference, described with the radius CA; and let AG be another tangent, if possible; then, as CA would not be perpendicular to AG, another line, CF, would be perpendicular to AG, and so CF would be less than CA (*theorem 14*); therefore F would fall within the circle, and AF, if produced, would cut the circumference.



THEOREM 32.

89. If two circumferences cut each other, the straight line which passes through their centres shall be perpendicular to the chord which joins the points of intersection, and shall divide it into two equal parts.

For the line AB, which joins the points of intersection, being a common chord to the two circles; if, through the middle of this chord, a perpendicular be drawn, it will pass through the points C, D, the centres of the two circles.

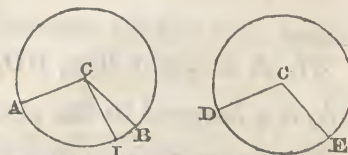


But only one line can be drawn through two given points; therefore the straight line which passes through the centres is a perpendicular to the middle of the common chord.

THEOREM 33.

90. In the same circle, or in equal circles, equal angles ACB, DCE, at the centre, intercept equal arcs, AB, DE, on the circumference; and conversely, if the arcs AB, DE, be equal, the angles ACB and DCE are also equal.

If the angle ACB be equal to DCE, these two angles may be placed on each other; and, as their sides are equal, the point A will fall on D, and the point B on E; but then the arc AB must



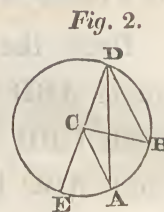
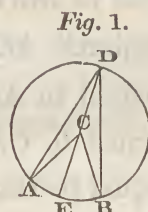
also fall on DE; for, if the two arcs did not coincide, there would be, in one or the other, points unequally distant from the centre; therefore the arc AB is equal to DE.

Next, if the arc AB be equal to DE , the angle ACB shall be equal to DCE ; for, if they are not equal, let ACB be the greater, and take ACI equal to DCE ; then, by what has been demonstrated, AI is equal to DE ; but, by hypothesis, the arc AB is equal to DE ; therefore the arc AI is equal to AB , which is impossible: therefore the angle ACB is equal to DCE .

THEOREM 34.

91. An angle, ACB , at the centre of a circle, is double of the angle at the circumference, upon the same arc, AB .

Draw DC , (*fig. 1.*) and produce it to E . First, let the angle at the centre be within the angle at the circumference, then the angle ACE is equal to the sum of the angles CAD , CDA (*theorem 27*); but, because CA is equal to CD , the angle CAD is equal to CDA (*theorem 11*); therefore the angle ACE is equal to twice the angle CDA . By the same reason the angle BCE is equal to twice the angle CDB ; therefore the whole angle ACB is double the whole angle ADB .

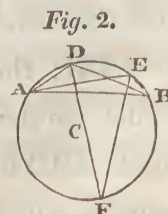
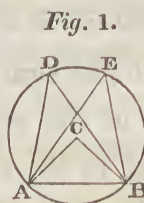


Next, let the angle at the centre (*fig. 2.*) be without the angle at the circumference. It may be demonstrated, as in the first case, that the angle ECB is equal to twice the angle EDB , and that the angle ECA , a part of the first, is equal to twice EDA , a part of the second; therefore, the remainder, ACB , is double the remainder ADB .

THEOREM 35.

92. The angles, ADB , AEB , in the same segment, AEB , of a circle, are equal to one another.

Let C (*fig. 1.*) be the centre of the circle; and, first, let the segment AEB be greater than a semi-circle. Draw CA , CB , to the ends of the base of the segment; then each of the angles, ADB , AEB , will be half of the angle ACB (*theorem 34*); therefore the angles ADB and AEB are equal.

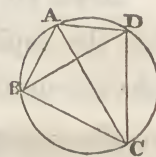


Next, let the segment AEB (*fig. 2.*) be less than a semi-circle; draw the diameter DCF, and join EF; and, because the segment ADEF is greater than a semi-circle, by the first case, the angle ADF is equal to AEF. In like manner, because the segment BEDF is greater than a semi-circle, the angle BDF is equal to the angle BEF; therefore the whole angle ADB is equal to the whole angle AEB.

THEOREM 36.

93. The sum of the opposite angles of any quadrilateral, ABCD, inscribed in a circle, is equal to two right angles.

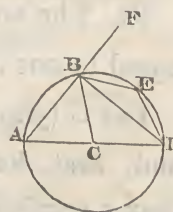
Draw the diagonals AC, BD. In the segment ABCD, the angle ABD is equal to ACD; and, in the segment CBAD, the angle CBD is equal to CAD (*theorem 35*); therefore the whole angle ABC is equal to the sum of the two angles ACD, CAD; and, adding ADC, the sum of the two angles, ABC, ADC, is equal to the sum of the three angles. Now these three angles are the angles of the triangle ADC, and therefore equal to two right angles (*theorem 27*): therefore the sum of the two angles ABC, ADC, is equal to two right angles. In the same manner it may be demonstrated that the sum of the two angles BAD, BCD, is equal to two right angles.



THEOREM 37.

94. An angle ABD, in a semi-circle, is a right angle; an angle BAD, in a segment greater than a semi-circle, is less than a right angle; and an angle, BED, in a segment less than a semi-circle, is greater than a right angle.

Produce AB to F, draw BC to the centre, and, because CA is equal to CB, the angle CBA is equal to CAB (*theorem 11*). In like manner, because CD is equal to CB, the angle CBD is equal to CDB; therefore the sum of the two angles CBA, CBD, is equal to the sum of the two angles CAB, CDB; that is, the angle ABD is equal to the sum of the two angles CAB, CDB: but this last sum is equal to the angle DBF (*theorem 27*); therefore the angle ABD is equal to the angle DBF: but, when the angles are equal on each side of a



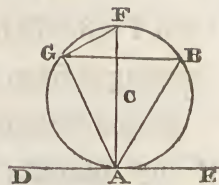
straight line which meets another, each of these angles is a right angle; therefore each of the angles ABD and DBF is a right angle; and, consequently, the angle ABD in a semi-circle is a right angle.

Again, because in the triangle ABD, the angle ABD is a right angle; therefore BAD, which is manifestly in a segment less than a semi-circle, is less than a right angle: and, lastly, because ABED is a quadrilateral in a circle, the sum of the two angles A, E, is equal to two right angles; but the angle A is less than a right angle; therefore E, which is in a segment less than a semi-circle, is greater than a right angle.

THEOREM 38.

95. The angle BAE, contained by a tangent AE to a circle, and a chord AB, drawn from the point of contact, is equal to the angle AGB in the alternate segment.

Let the diameter ACF be drawn, and GF be joined; and, because the angles FGA, FAE, are right-angles (*theorems 37, 30*), and of these FGB, a part of the one, is equal to FAB, a part of the other, (*theorem 35*), the remainders BAE, BAG, are equal.



ALGEBRA.

96. ALGEBRA is a method of demonstrating propositions, and resolving questions, by means of the letters of the alphabet used as symbols.

LETTERS are employed to denote angles, lines, surfaces, or solids; each being considered as a multitude of units of the kind to which it belongs; and, consequently, as *number*, abstracted from figure. Thus, a letter may denote the number 3, or a line of five equal parts of any measure; as inches, yards, miles, &c. and so on.

Letters which are thus generally employed are called *quantities*; they being the *representation of quantities*.

It frequently happens that a quantity consists of several quantities of the same kind, as of two or more distances to make one distance; these must, therefore, be joined by addition, or by addition and subtraction. In order to indicate this junction, two distinct *signs* will be necessary.

The sign $+$ (*plus*) implies that the quantity which follows it is to be added to that which goes before, and that all the quantities, when more than one, are to be added together into one sum. Thus, $a+b$ shows that b is to be added to a , or that a and b are to be added together.

Again, $a+b+c+d$ implies that b is to be added to a ; c , to the sum of a and b ; d , to the sum of a , b , c .

The sign $-$ (*minus*) placed between two quantities, denotes that the quantity which follows it is to be subtracted from that which precedes it.

Thus, $m-n$ denotes that the quantity represented by n is to be subtracted from that represented by m . Suppose, for instance, that m is 7, and n 3; then $7-3$ will be 4. Therefore, $m-n$ denotes the remainder arising by subtracting n from m .

Hence SUBTRACTION is an opposite operation to ADDITION; and, therefore, if any quantity be both added to and subtracted from the same quantity, the quantity thus added and subtracted may be taken away entirely, by which the expression will be in its most simple form: thus, $m+a-a$ is equivalent to m .

When two quantities are equal to each other, this equality is implied by the interposition of the double bar $=$ between each of the quantities. Thus, $m+a-a=m$; as, also, $4+3+6-2=11$. Equal quantities, thus connected, are called *Equations*.

TERMS are all those parts of an expression that are separated by the signs of Addition and Subtraction.

Thus, $a+b+c-d$, is a quantity consisting of four *terms*.

Quantities which contain two terms are called *binomials*: thus, $a+b$, or, $a-b$, are binomials.

The MULTIPLICATION of two or more factors is indicated by connecting the letters representing the factors; as, ab denotes a product of two factors; abx a

product of the three factors, a , b , and x . Thus, let $a=2$, $b=3$, and $x=5$; then $abx=30$: Again, $mmmm$ signify a product of four factors, of which all are equal: suppose $m=2$, then $mmmm=16$.

When any number of factors are equal to each other, instead of repeating them to that number in the representation of the product, the product will be indicated with less trouble by writing only one of the equal factors and a digit; the latter containing as many units as the factors are in number, over the right-hand side of the factor so written. Thus, instead of aa , bbb , xx , xxx , the same idea will be more conveniently expressed thus, a^2 , b^3 , x^2 , x^3 .

The continued product of equal quantities is called a *Power*; the quantity itself is called the *Base* of that power; and the digit, which indicates the number of factors, is called the *Index* or *Exponent* of that power.

When factors of a product consist of compound terms, each compound factor is enclosed within brackets, or parentheses, and the factors thus included are joined to each other by bringing the bracket on the left hand of the one nearly close to that on the right-hand of the other.

Thus, the product of $a+b+c$, $x+a+c+d$, and $a+x$, is represented by $(a+b+c)(x+a+c+d)(a+x)$. Let $a=1$, $b=2$, $c=3$, $d=4$, and $x=5$, then will $(a+b+c)(x+a+c+d)(a+x)=(1+2+3)(5+1+3+4)(1+5)=468$.

Any Power of a compound quantity is represented in a similar manner to that of representing a simple quantity, by inclosing the compound within brackets, and writing the number which indicates the power over the right-hand bracket, and on the right-hand side of that bracket: thus, $(a+b)^3$ denotes the cube of $a+b$, and $(x+y+z)^4$ denotes the fourth power of $x+y+z$.

DIVISION is represented by placing the dividend above the divisor, with a short line between them, as $\frac{a}{b}$; which expression shows how often the quantity a contains the quantity b ; or how often the dividend contains the divisor. Let a be 12, and b be 3, then $\frac{a}{b}$ will be 4.

FRACTIONS are represented in the same manner as Division, by placing the numerator above and the denominator below a short line. Thus, $\frac{m}{n}$ indicates a fraction, whose numerator is m , and denominator n . Let m be equal to 2, and n equal to 3; then $\frac{m}{n}$ is equivalent to $\frac{2}{3}$ or two-thirds: or, if we suppose

m to be equal to 17, and n equal to 5, then $\frac{m}{n}$ would be 17-fifths of unity, or by dividing the numerator m , which is equivalent to 17, by the denominator n , which is equivalent to 5: the quotient will be 3 and $\frac{2}{5}$.

All expressions of quantity are said to be *Simple* when the operations are indicated by one or more letters, either in Multiplication or Division, without the intervention of the signs $+$ or $-$, as in the following: a , ab , $\frac{a}{b}$, $\frac{ab}{c}$; which are all *Simple* expressions.

Known quantities are generally represented by the initial letters, a , b , c , &c. of the alphabet, or by numbers; and the *unknown* quantities by the final letters, v , w , x , y , z .

A *Co-efficient* is the number prefixed to any quantity. Thus, in the expression $5x$, the number 5 is the co-efficient of x ; or, if x represent a quantity to be discovered by an operation, and a a quantity already known, then, in the expression ax , the quantity a is called the co-efficient of x .

Having explained the forms which indicate the operations of Simple Quantities, we shall now explain the rules for those performed upon Compounds.

ADDITION OF ALGEBRA.

97. To add any number of simple affirmative quantities, which are of the same kind, together, or any number of quantities that have a common factor:

Prefix the sum of the co-efficients to the quantity, and the product will represent the sum; observing that, when no co-efficient is written, the co-efficient is understood to be unity: and, when the co-efficients are expressed by letters, these letters are to be joined with the sign $+$ within brackets, and the common quantity adjoined or subjoined.

In the following examples let the sum be put equal to S .

Example 1.—Add a , a , a , a , together; then $5a = S$.

Example 2.—Add ax , $2ax$, $3ax$, together; then $6ax = S$.

Ex. 3.—Add ax , bx , cx , dx , ex , fx , together; then $(a+b+c+d+e+f)x = S$.

98. To add any number of simple affirmative quantities of different kinds together:

Connect the whole to be added by the sign + ; and, if two or more of these quantities are to be found, of the same kind, they must be united into one simple quantity, or term, as above.

Example 1.—Add a, b, c, d , together ; then $a + b + c + d = S$.

Example 2.—Add a, b, b, c, b, dx, ey , together ; $a + 3b + c + dx + ey = S$.

99. To add quantities together which have different signs :

Join all the quantities into one expression for the sum ; observing to prefix the same sign to each quantity that it had before the whole were united.

Example.—Add $a, -bx, cd, -2bx$, together ; then, $a + cd - 3bx = S$.

100. To add Compound Quantities together :

Connect all the quantities, in the several parts, to be added into one expression, giving each quantity the same sign that it had before, in each separate part, and observing to unite such terms as may be found of the same kind.

Example.—Add $5bx + \frac{4c}{2}, 5ab - \frac{bc}{e}, 2bx - 3ab + 3ex$, together. The answer will be $7bx + 2ab + \frac{4c}{2} - \frac{bc}{e} + 3ex = S$.

SUBTRACTION OF ALGEBRA.

101. To subtract one simple quantity from another :

Join the quantity to be subtracted to that from which the subtraction is to be made, with a different sign to the original one. Let the difference be put equal to D.

Example 1.—Subtract n from m ; then $m - n = D$.

Example 2.—Subtract $3ab$ from $7ab$; then $7ab - 3ab = 4ab = D$.

102. To subtract a compound quantity either from a simple or compound quantity.

Subjoin the terms of the quantity to be taken away, with their signs changed, to that from which they are to be taken ; observing that, when two terms are of the same kind, they must be united.

Ex.—From $xy + 4b - 3c$, subtract $bx - 5b + 4c$; then $xy + 9b - 7c - bx = D$.

It is evident that changing the signs of the terms of the quantity to be taken away cannot affect its aggregate or value, considered independently of

its signs. For, if they are of different kinds, the difference must be the same after the change as before it took place.

Thus, let $5 - 2 + 7 - 3$, be a quantity to be subtracted.

$$\text{Then } 5 - 2 + 7 - 3 = 7$$

$$\text{and } -5 + 2 - 7 + 3 = -7$$

Hence we see the reason for changing the signs of the quantity to be subtracted.

MULTIPLICATION OF ALGEBRA.

103. To find the algebraic product of two compound factors, or of one simple and the other compound.

If one of the factors be a simple quantity, let that factor be made the multiplier; then join the multiplier to every term of the multiplicand, and prefix the sign + to each product when its factors have like signs; but prefix the sign - when its factors have unlike signs; then the sum of all the products is the total product.

If the multiplier consist of more than one term, proceed with every term of the multiplier in the same manner as if it had but one term; then the sum of all the simple products is the whole product; observing that, all such simple products, as have a common factor, may be united together.

Example 1.—Multiply $a + b$ by $a + b$.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Operation} \dots a + b \\ \quad a + b \\ \hline a^2 + ab \\ \quad + ab + b^2 \\ \hline a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2 \end{array}$$

104. So that the square of any binomial consists of the square of each part and twice their product.

Hence, if we see such a quantity as $x^2 + 2ax + a^2$, we shall immediately know that it is the square of the binomial $x + a$.

Example 2.—Multiply $a-b$ by $a-b$, or find the square of $a-b$.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Operation.} \dots a-b \\ a-b \\ \hline a^2-ab \\ -ab+b^2 \\ \hline a^2-2ab+b^2=(a-b)^2 \end{array}$$

105. Hence the square of any binomial, which has one of its parts negative, is the same which ever of the parts be negative; for the square of each of the parts is always affirmative, and twice the product of the two parts is negative; so that the square of $a-b$ is the very same as the square of $b-a$.

Example 3.—Multiply $a+b$ by $a-b$.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Operation.} \dots a+b \\ a-b \\ \hline a^2+ab \\ -ab-b^2 \\ \hline a^2 - b^2=(a+b)(a-b) \end{array}$$

106. Hence we shall always know, by bare inspection only, that the difference of two squares is the product of the sum and difference of the roots: hence $x^2-y^2=(x+y)(x-y)$, and, reciprocally, that the product of the sum and difference of any two quantities is equal to the difference of their squares.

$$\text{Thus } (a+z)(a-z)=a^2-z^2.$$

ALGEBRAIC DIVISION AND FRACTIONS.

107. DIVISION is the converse of Multiplication; therefore, if the signs be alike in the divisor and dividend, the quotient will be affirmative; but if unlike, the quotient will be negative. The general rule is to place the dividend in the form of a numerator, and the divisor in that of a denominator; expunge like quantities from both, and divide the co-efficients by the greatest common measure.

Example 1.—Divide $3ab$ by b $\frac{3ab}{b} = 3a$

Example 2.—Divide $-abc$ by $-bc$. . $\frac{-abc}{-bc} = \frac{a}{3}$

Example 3.—Divide $4ac$ by $16ba$. . . $\frac{4ac}{16ba} = \frac{c}{4b}$

108. Powers of the same root are divided by subtracting their exponents.

Example 1.—Divide b^3 by b^2 $\frac{b^3}{b^2} = b$.

Example 2.—Divide $a^4b^3c^2$ by a^2b^2 . . . $\frac{a^4b^3c^2}{a^2b^2} = a^2bc^2$.

109. A FRACTION is multiplied by any quantity by joining it to the numerator; thus, the product of r and $\frac{m}{n}$ is represented by $\frac{rm}{n}$, which is the product of rm divided by n , or the number of times that the product rm contains n .

Since the operation of division is opposite to that of multiplication, if a fraction be multiplied by a quantity equal to its denominator, both the denominator and the multiplier may be taken away from the result; thus, if $\frac{a}{b}$ be multiplied by b , the result is $\frac{ab}{b}$, which is equivalent to the quantity a only.

110. The *Terms* of a fraction are its numerator and denominator.

If the terms of a fraction be equally multiplied, that is, multiplied by the same quantity, the value of that fraction will be the same as before; thus $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{ma}{mb}$; and, if the terms of a fraction be equally divided by the same quantity, the result will be equal to the original quantity.

ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS.

111. The *resolution of an equation* is the mode of finding the value of the unknown quantity, in terms of those which are given.

The principles of this resolution depend on the following AXIOMS, which are similar to those already given at the beginning of the Geometry, in page 15.

1. If to each side of an equation the same quantity be added, the sums will be an equation still.

2. If from each side of an equation the same quantity be subtracted, the remainders will still be an equation.

3. If each side of an equation be multiplied by the same quantity, the products will be an equation.

4. If each side of an equation be divided by the same quantity, the quotients will still be an equation.

OF PROPORTION.

112. DEFINITION.—Four quantities are proportionals when the first contains some part of the second, as often as the third contains the like part of the fourth.

THEOREM 39.

113. If four quantities, a, b, c, d , are proportionals, the product of the two extremes will be equal to the product of the two means.

Let the first, a , contain the n th part of the second b , m times; then, by the definition, the third, c , will contain the n th part of d also m times; now the n th part of b is $\frac{b}{n}$, and the n th part of d is $\frac{d}{n}$; therefore $\frac{a}{\frac{b}{n}} = m$; and $\frac{c}{\frac{d}{n}} = m$; wherefore $\frac{a}{\frac{b}{n}} = \frac{c}{\frac{d}{n}}$.

Multiply each side of this equation by bd , and $\frac{abd}{b} = \frac{bcd}{d}$; therefore, dividing the terms of the fraction on the first side by b , and the terms of the fraction on the second side by d , which are common, $ad = bc$.

THEOREM 40.

114. If any equation consist of the product of two quantities on each side, and if the four factors be placed in a row, so that the two factors on either side may occupy the middle place of the four, and the other two each one of the extreme places; the four factors, thus taken in order, will be proportionals.

Let $ad = bc$: Now here are four different ways of taking out the quantities; but in which ever of these ways they are taken, we shall always have $ad = bc$, by multiplying the two extreme terms together, and the two middle terms together.

Let, therefore, a, b, c, d , be one of the four; then, since $ad = bc$, divide both sides by bd and $\frac{ad}{bd} = \frac{bc}{bd}$; that is, $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$; now let h be the common measure of a

and b , supposing h contained in a , m times, and in b , n times; then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{mh}{nh} = \frac{m}{n}$; therefore $\frac{a}{b} = m$; but $\frac{b}{n}$ is the n th part of b ; therefore the n th part of b is contained in a , m times.

Again, let $c = mi$, and we shall have $\frac{mh}{nh} = \frac{mi}{a}$; wherefore, by this equation, $d = ni$; therefore $\frac{c}{d} = \frac{mi}{ni} = \frac{m}{n}$; and, consequently, $\frac{c}{d} = m$: wherefore, also, c contains the n th part of d , m times.

115. COROLLARY.—Hence, if two fractions are equal, the numerator of the one will be to its denominator, as the numerator of the other is to its denominator.

To indicate that four quantities, a, b, c, d , are proportionals, the sign $:$ is placed between the first two and between the last two; and the sign $::$ is placed between the two terms that stand in the middle; thus, $a : b :: c : d$, is read, as a is to b , so is c to d .

116. Four proportionals are termed a *proportion*.

Of four proportional quantities, the last term is called the fourth proportional to the other three.

The first and third terms of a proportion are called the *antecedents*, and the second and fourth terms the *consequents*.

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117. Since, from $ad = bc$, we may choose four different ways of taking out the first term, in order to make a proportion; and since there are two ways of making choice of the second term after the first, there are eight ways in which the positions of the terms will be different: these are—

$$a : b :: c : d$$

$$a : c :: b : d$$

$$b : a :: d : c$$

$$b : d :: a : c$$

$$c : a :: d : b$$

$$c : d :: a : b$$

$$d : b :: c : a$$

$$d : c :: b : a$$

118. So that, in every two sets of proportionals, where the same quantity stands first, the terms of the one set are placed alternately to those of the other; and we may also observe that, four of these sets of proportionals have their terms inverted with regard to the other four, and are therefore the same when read in contrary order.

THEOREM 41.

119. If the corresponding terms of any number of proportions are multiplied together, the products, taken in the same order, will be proportionals.

Thus, as $a : b :: c : d$

$e : f :: g : h$

$i : k :: l : m$

then, as $aei : bfk :: cgl : dhm$

For $ad = bc$

$eh = fg$

$im = kl$

therefore, $adehim = bcfgkl$.

Consequently, $aei : bfk :: cgl : dhm$; therefore the proposition is manifest.

120. COROLLARY.—Hence, if the proportions are the same as the first, we shall have $a^3 : b^3 :: c^3 : d^3$.

121. The proportion which is formed by the multiplication of the corresponding terms of two or more proportions is said to be compounded of these proportions.

When two of the proportions to be compounded are the same, the proportion compounded of the two is said to be the duplicate of either: thus, $a^2 : b^2 :: c^2 : d^2$ is in duplicate proportion to that of $a : b :: c : d$.

When three proportionals, which are the same, are compounded, the compound is said to be triplicate to either of the simple ones: thus, $a^3 : b^3 :: c^3 : d^3$, is the triplicate proportion of $a : b :: c : d$.

And so on to the succeeding orders.

THEOREM 42.

122. If four quantities, a, b, c, d , be proportionals, the first will be to the sum of the first and second as the third is to the sum of the third and fourth.

For, since a, b, c, d , are proportionals, $ad=bc$. To each side of this equation add the product ac , and we have $ad+ac=bc+ac$; that is, $a(c+d)=c(a+b)$.

Therefore, $a : a+b :: c : c+d$.

123. COROLLARY.—Since out of the two equal products ad, bc , four combinations in twos may be chosen, viz.

ab, ac, bd, cd ,

we may therefore have the four following equations all different, by adding each combination to each side of the equation $ad=bc$, viz.

$$\text{No. 1} \dots a(c+d) = c(a+b)$$

$$2 \dots a(b+d) = b(a+c)$$

$$3 \dots d(a+b) = b(c+d)$$

$$4 \dots d(a+c) = c(b+d)$$

Since each of these equations will give eight sets of proportionals; therefore the whole four will give thirty-two.

THEOREM 43.

124. If four quantities, a, b, c, d , be proportionals, as the first is to the difference of the first and second, so is the third to the difference of the third and fourth.

For, since a, b, c, d , are proportionals, $ad=bc$. Subtract each side of this equation from the product ac , and we have $ac-ad=ac-bc$; that is, $a(c-d)=c(a-b)$, whence $a : a-b :: c : c-d$.

125. COROLLARY.—Since out of the two equal products ad, bc , we may choose the four combinations in twos, viz. ab, ac, bd, cd ; and may therefore have the four following equations, by subtracting each side of the original equation, $ad=bc$, from each combination.

$$\text{No. 1} \dots a(c-d) = c(a-b)$$

$$2 \dots a(b-d) = b(a-c)$$

$$3 \dots d(b-a) = b(d-c)$$

$$4 \dots d(c-a) = c(d-b)$$

126. Again, by subtracting each of the products, ab , ac , bd , cd , from each side of the original equation, $ad = bc$, we have—

$$\text{No. 1} \dots a(d-c) = c(b-a)$$

$$2 \dots a(d-b) = b(c-a)$$

$$3 \dots d(a-b) = b(c-d)$$

$$4 \dots d(a-c) = c(b-d)$$

Now, since every one of these eight different equations will give eight sets of proportionals, in each set of which the situations of the terms will be varied; therefore the whole will give sixty-four sets of proportionals, in which the terms will have different situations in every two sets.

THEOREM 44.

127. If four quantities, a , b , c , d , be proportionals, it will be as the sum of the first and second is to their difference, so is the sum of the third and fourth to their difference.

For, dividing the equation, No. 3, pr. 123, by the equation, No. 3, pr. 126, we shall have—

$$\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{c+d}{c-d}$$

And, by dividing the equation, No. 3, in pr. 123, by the equation, No. 3, in pr. 125, we have,

$$\frac{a+b}{b-a} = \frac{c+d}{d-c}$$

Wherefore $a+b : a-b :: c+d : c-d$ *

128. Three quantities are said to be proportionals when the first is to the middle quantity as the middle quantity is to the third: thus, let a , b , c , be three proportionals; then $a : b :: b : c$.

* The character \sim between two quantities signifies the difference, as $5 \sim 9 = 4$.

THEOREM 45.

129. If three quantities be proportionals, the product of the two extremes is equal to the square of the mean.

Let a, b, c , be the three proportionals; then, $ac = b^2$, for, since $\frac{b}{a} = \frac{c}{b}$, multiply both sides of this equation by ab , and $\frac{ab^2}{a} = \frac{abc}{b}$, that is, $b^2 = ac$.

THEOREM 46.

130. If the first and second terms of two proportions are alike, the third and fourth terms of both, placed in the order of their antecedents and consequents, will be proportionals.

Let $a : b :: c : d$, and $a : b :: e : f$; then will $c : d :: e : f$. From the first proportion we have $ad = bc$, and from the second we have $be = af$; therefore, multiplying the corresponding sides of these equations, we have $adbe = bcaf$; and, throwing out the common factors on each side of this equation, there will remain $de = cf$; wherefore, $c : d :: e : f$.

THEOREM 47.

131. In any number of proportionals, of which all the ratios are equal, it will be, as the antecedent of any ratio is to its consequent, so is the sum of all the antecedents of the other ratios to the sum of all the consequents.

For, let $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, $\frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f}$, $\frac{e}{f} = \frac{g}{h}$, then will $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f} = \frac{g}{h}$.

$$\text{Therefore, } ad = bc$$

$$af = be$$

$$ah = bg$$

$$\text{Whence } a(d+f+h) = b(c+e+g)$$

Wherefore, $a : b :: c+e+g : d+f+h$, as was to be shown.

GEOMETRY, CONTINUED.

HAVING now explained so much of the principles of Algebra and Proportion as may be requisite to elucidate the subsequent propositions, we again proceed with the ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY. The geometric definitions, &c. have been given, generally, in pages 10 to 14; but to those already explained are to be added several which follow, as it now becomes necessary that they, also, should be known.

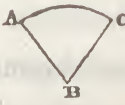


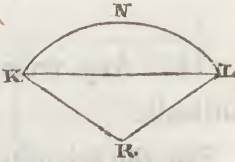
132. EQUIVALENT FIGURES are such as have equal surfaces, without regard to their form.

133. IDENTICAL FIGURES are such as would entirely coincide, if the one be applied to the other.

134. In EQUIANGULAR FIGURES, the sides which contain the equal angles, and which adjoin equal angles, are *homologous*.

135. Two figures are *similar*, when the angles of the one are equal to the angles of the other, each to each, and the homologous sides are proportionals.

136. In two CIRCLES, similar sectors, similar arcs, or similar segments, are those which have equal angles at the centre.

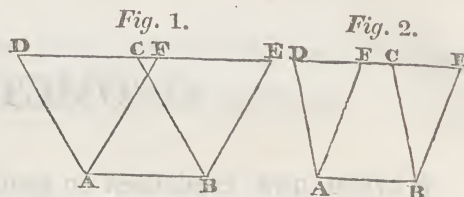
Thus, if the sector  ABC be similar to the sector  DEF, then the angle ABC will be equal to the angle DEF; or, if the arc AC be similar to the arc DF, then the angle at B will be equal to the angle at E. Also, if the segment  GMH be similar to the segment  KNL, the angle I will be equal to the angle R.

137. The AREA of a figure is the quantity of surface, containing a certain number of units of any given scale; as of inches, feet, yards, &c.

THEOREM 48.

138. Parallelograms which have equal bases and equal altitudes are equal.

Take the two parallelograms, ABCD, and ABEF, upon the same base, AB, and between the same parallels, AB and DE; these parallelograms are equal.



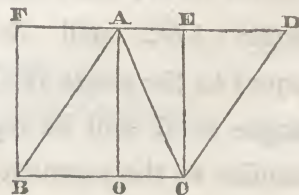
For, in the parallelogram ABCD (*fig. 1*), the opposite sides CD and AB are equal; and in the parallelogram ABEF, the opposite sides EF and AB are equal; therefore EF is equal to CD (84)*. Again, in the parallelogram ABCD (*fig. 2*), the side CD is equal to AB; and in the parallelogram ABEF, the side FE is equal to AB; therefore EF is equal to CD. Now, in *fig. 1*, since CD is equal to EF, add CF to both; then will DF be equal to CE. In *fig. 2*, take away the common part CF, and there will remain DF equal to CE. Therefore, in each of these figures, the three straight lines AD, DF, FA, are respectively equal to the three straight lines BC, CE, EB; and, consequently, the triangle ADF is equal to the triangle BCE; therefore, from the quadrilateral ABED take away the triangle BCE, there will remain the parallelogram ABCD; and, from the same quadrilateral, take away the equal triangle ADF, and there will remain the parallelogram ABEF: therefore the parallelogram ABCD is equal to the parallelogram ABEF.

139. COROLLARY.—Every parallelogram is equal to a rectangle, of the same base and altitude.

THEOREM 49.

140. Any triangle is equal to half a parallelogram of the same base and altitude.

For the triangle ABC is equal to the triangle ACD, and the parallelogram ABCD is equal to the sum of both triangles; and, consequently, double to one of them.



* The figures thus inserted in a parenthesis refer to a preceding or a following paragraph; as, in this instance, to 84, on page 29.

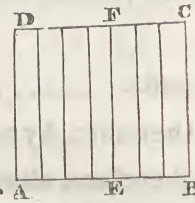
141. COROLLARY 1.—Hence every triangle is half a rectangle, having the same base and altitude.

142. COROLLARY 2.—Triangles which have equal bases and equal altitudes are equal.

THEOREM 50.

143. Rectangles, of the same altitude, are to one another as their bases.

Let $ABCD$, $AEFD$, be two rectangles, which have a common altitude AD ; they are to one another as their bases AB , AE .

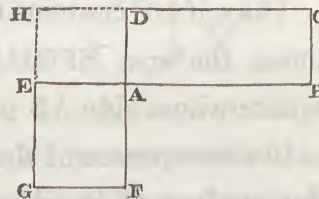


For, suppose that the base AB contains seven equal parts, and that the base AE contains four similar parts; then, if AB be divided into seven equal parts, AE will contain four of them. At each point of division draw a perpendicular to the base, and these will divide the figure $ABCD$ into seven equal rectangles (138); and, as AB contains seven such parts as AE contains four, the rectangle $ABCD$ will also contain seven such parts as the rectangle $AEFD$ contains four; therefore the bases AB , AE , have the same ratio that the rectangles $ABCD$, $AEFG$, have.

THEOREM 51.

144. Rectangles are to one another as the products of the numbers which express their bases and altitudes.

Let $ABCD$, $AEFG$, be two rectangles, and let some line taken, as a unit, be contained m times in AB , the base of the one, and n times in AD , its altitude; also p times in AE , the base of the other, and q times in AF , its altitude; the rectangle $ABCD$ shall be to the rectangle $AEFG$, as the product mn is to the product pq .



Let the rectangles be so placed that their bases AB , AE , may be in a straight line; then their altitudes AD , AF , shall also form a straight line (48). Complete the rectangle $EADH$; and, because this rectangle has the same alti-

tude as the rectangle ABCD, when EA and AB are taken as their bases; and the same altitude as the rectangle AEGF, when AD, AF, are taken as their bases; we have the rectangle ABCD : ADHE :: AB : AE :: $m : p$... (143)

But..... $m : p :: mn : pn$

therefore, ABCD : ADHE :: $mn : pn$.

In like manner, ADHE : AEGF :: $pn : pq$

But, placing the terms of these two sets of proportionals alternately, we have,

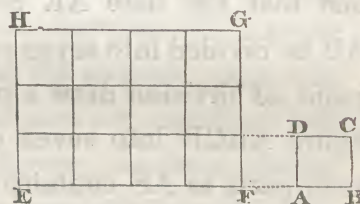
ADHE : $pn ::$ ABCD : mn

and..... ADHE : $pn ::$ AEGF : pq

therefore, by equality, ABCD : $mn ::$ AEGF : pq

therefore, alternately, ABCD : AEGF :: $mn : pq$.

145. OBSERVATION.—If ABCD, one of the rectangles, be a square, having the measuring unit for its side; this square may be taken as the measuring unit of its surfaces; because the linear unit, AB, is contained p times in EF, and q times in EH, by the proposition.



$1 \times 1 : pq ::$ ABCD : EFGH.

Hence the rectangle EFGH will contain the superficial unit ABCD, as often as the numeral product pq contains unity.

Consequently, the product pq will express the area of the rectangle, or will indicate how often it contains the unit of its surfaces.

Thus, if EF contains the linear unit AB four times, and EH contains it three times, the area EFGH will be $3 \times 4 = 12$: that is, equal to twelve times a square whose side AB is = 1.

In consequence of the surface of the rectangle EFGH being expressed by the product of its sides, the rectangle, or its area, may be denoted by the symbol $EF \times FG$, in conformity to the manner of expressing a product in arithmetic.

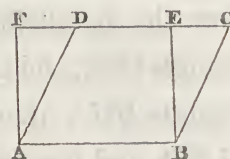
However, instead of expressing the area of a square, made on a line AB, thus, $AB \times AB$; it is thus expressed AB^2 .

146. NOTE.—A rectangle is said to be contained by two of its sides, about any one of its angles.

THEOREM 52.

147. The area of a parallelogram is equal to the product of its base and altitude.

For the parallelogram ABCD is equal to the rectangle ABEF, which has the same base AB, and the same altitude (138), and this last is measured by $AB \times BE$, or by $AB \times AF$; that is, the product of the base of the parallelogram and its altitude.



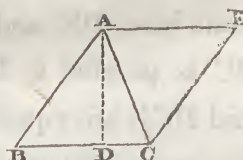
148. COROLLARY.—Parallelograms of the same base are to one another as their altitudes; and parallelograms of the same altitudes are to one another as their bases.

For, in the former case, put B for their common base, and A, a , for their altitudes; then we have $B \times A : B \times a :: A : a$. And, in the latter case, put A for their common altitude, and B, b , for their bases; then $B \times A : b \times A :: B : b$.

THEOREM 53.

149. The area of a triangle is equal to the product of the base by half its altitude.

For the triangle ABC is half the parallelogram ABCE, which has the same base, BC, and the same altitude AD (140); but the area of the parallelogram is $BC \times AD$ (147), therefore, the area of the triangle is $\frac{1}{2}BC \times AD$, or $BC \times \frac{1}{2}AD$.

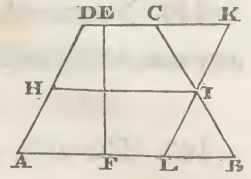


150. COROLLARY.—Two triangles of the same base are to one another as their altitudes; and two triangles, of the same altitude, are to one another as their bases.

THEOREM 54.

151. The area of every trapezoid, ABCD, is equal to the product of half the sum of its parallel sides, AB, DC, by its altitude, EF.

Through I, the middle of the side BC, draw KL, parallel to the opposite side AD, and produce DC until it meet KL in K. In the triangles IBL, ICK, the side IB is equal to IC, and the angle B equal to C (74), the angle BIL equal to CIK; therefore the triangles are equal (54), and the side CK equal to BL. Now the parallelogram ALKD is the sum of the polygon ALICD; and the triangle CIK, and the trapezoid ABCD, is the sum of the same polygon and the triangle BIL; therefore, the trapezoid ABCD is equal to the parallelogram ALKD, and has, for its measure, $AL \times EF$. Now AL is equal to DK, and BL equal to CK; and $CD = DK - CK$; but DK is equal to AL, and CK equal to BL;



Therefore $CD = AL - BL$.

But $AB = AL + BL$.

Therefore, $AB + CD = 2AL$

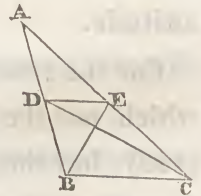
Consequently $\frac{1}{2}(AB + CD) = AL$.

It follows that $\therefore AL \times EF = \frac{1}{2}(AB + CD) \times EF$.

THEOREM 55.

152. A straight line, DE, drawn parallel to the side of a triangle ABC, divides the other sides AB, AC, proportionally, or so that $AD : DB :: AE : EC$.

Join BE and DC: the two triangles BDE, CDE, have the same base, DE, and they have also the same altitude; because BC is parallel to DE; and, consequently, the triangles DBE and DCE are equal. Since the triangles BED and AED have the same altitude, they are to one another as their bases; and since the triangles CED and AED have the same altitude, they are to one another as their bases.



Therefore, the triangle BDE : ADE :: BD : DA. But since the triangle BDE is equal to the triangle CED, therefore the triangle CED : ADE :: BD : DA.

But the triangle CED : ADE :: CE : EA.

It follows that, $BD : DA :: CE : EA$.

THEOREM 56.

153. If the two sides, AB, AC, of a triangle be cut proportionally by the line DE, so that $AD : DB :: AE : EC$, the line DE shall be parallel to the remaining side of the triangle.

For, if DE be not parallel to BC, some other line, DO, will be parallel to BC; then, by the preceding proposition,

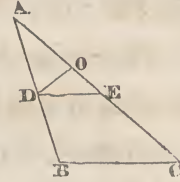
$$AD : DB :: AO : OC.$$

And, by hypothesis, $AD : DB :: AE : EC$.

Therefore, $AO : OC :: AE : EC$.

And, by addition, $AC : OC :: AC : EC$.

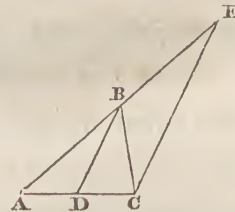
And hence OC must be equal to EC; which is impossible, unless the point O coincide with E; therefore no line besides DE can be parallel to BC.



THEOREM 57.

154. A line, BD, which bisects any angle, ABC, of a triangle, will divide the opposite side AC into two segments, AD, DC, which shall have the same ratio as the other two sides, AB, BC, of the triangle.

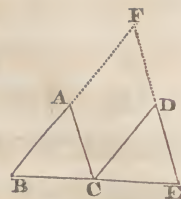
From C, one extremity of the base, draw CE, parallel to BD, meeting AB produced in E. Then the angle ABD is equal to the angle BEC (75), and the angle CBD equal to BCE (74); but, by hypothesis, the angle ABD is equal to CBD; therefore the angle BEC is equal to BCE: hence the side BC is equal to BE (63). Now, because ACE is a triangle, and BD is drawn parallel to one of its sides, $AD : DC :: AB : BE$ (152); but, since BE is equal to BC; therefore $AD : DC :: AB : BC$.



THEOREM 58.

155. Two equiangular triangles have their sides proportional, and are similar to each other.

Let ABC , DCE , be two triangles, which have their angles equal, each to each; viz. BAC equal to CDE , ABC equal to DCE , and ACB equal to DEC ; the homologous sides, or the sides adjacent to the equal angles, shall be proportionals; that is, $BC : CE :: BA : CD$, and $BA : CD :: AC : DE$.



Place the homologous sides BC , CE , in a straight line; and, because the angles B and E are together less than two right angles, the lines BA and ED shall meet, if produced (76): let them meet in F . Then, since BCE is a straight line, and the angle BCA equal to E , AC is parallel to EF . In like manner, because the angle DCE is equal to B , the straight line CD is parallel to BF ; therefore $ACDF$ is a parallelogram.

156. In the triangle BFE , the straight line AC is parallel to FE ; wherefore $BC : CE :: BA : AF$ (152). Again, in the same triangle, BFE , CD is parallel to BF ; therefore, $BC : CE :: FD : DE$; but, by substituting CD for its equal AF , in the first set of proportionals, and AC for its equal FD in the second set,

we have..... $BC : CE :: BA : CD$ by the first,

and $BC : CE :: AC : DE$ by the second,

therefore, by equality, $BA : CD :: AC : DE$;

therefore the homologous sides are proportionals; and, because the triangles are equiangular, they are similar.

SCHOLIUM.—It may be remarked that the homologous sides are opposite to the equal angles.

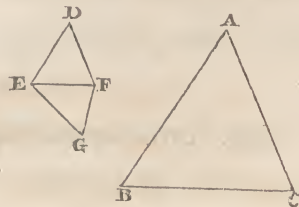
THEOREM 59.

157. Two triangles, which have their homologous sides proportionals, are equiangular and similar.

Suppose that $BC : EF :: AB : DE$

and that.... $AB : DE :: AC : DF$

the triangles ABC , DEF , have their angles equal: viz. A equal to D , B equal to E , and C equal to F . At the point E make the angle FEG equal to B , and at the



point F make the angle EFG equal to C, then G shall be equal to A (80), and the triangles GEF, ABC, shall be equiangular; therefore,

by the preceding prop. $BC : EF :: AB : EG$

and, by hypothesis, $BC : EF :: AB : DE$; therefore EG is equal to DE.

In like manner $BC : EF :: AC : FG$

and, by hypothesis, $BC : EF :: AC : DF$; therefore FG is equal to DF.

Thus, it appears that, the triangles DEF, GEF, have their three sides equal, each to each, therefore they are equal (58). But, by construction, the triangle GEF is equiangular to the triangle ABC; therefore, also, the triangles DEF, ABC, are equiangular and similar.

THEOREM 60.

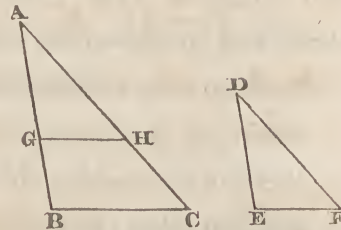
158. Two triangles which have an angle of the one equal to an angle of the other, and the sides about them proportionals, are similar.

Let the angle A equal D, and suppose that $AB : DE :: AC : DF$, the triangle ABC is similar to DEF.

Take AG equal to DE, and draw GH parallel to BC, the angle AGH shall be equal to ABC (75), and the triangle AGH equiangular to the triangle ABC; therefore $AB : AG :: AC : AH$; but AG is equal to DE;

therefore $AB : DE :: AC : AH$,

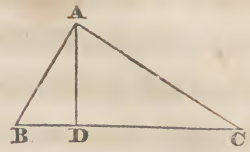
but, by hypothesis, $AB : DE :: AC : DF$; therefore AH is equal to DF. The two triangles AGH, DEF, have therefore an angle of the one equal to an angle of the other, and the sides containing these angles equal; therefore they are equal (53); but the triangle AGH is similar to ABC.



THEOREM 61.

159. A perpendicular, AD, drawn from the right angle, A, of a right-angled triangle, upon the hypotenuse, or longest side, BC, will divide that triangle into two others, which will be similar to each other, and to the whole.

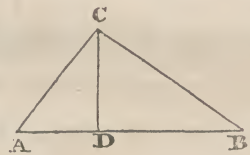
The triangles BAD and BAC have the common angle B; and, besides, the right angle BDA is equal to the right angle BAC; therefore, the third angle BAD of the one is equal to the third angle C of the other (80); therefore the two triangles are equiangular and similar. In like manner it may be demonstrated that the triangle DAC is equiangular and similar to the triangle BAC; therefore the three triangles are equiangular and similar to one another.



THEOREM 62.

160. The square described upon the hypotenuse, or longest side, is equal to the squares described upon the other two sides.

From the right angle C draw CD, perpendicular to the hypotenuse AB; then the triangle ABC is divided into two triangles, ADC, CDB, which are similar to one another, and to the whole triangle ABC (159);



therefore, by the similar triangles, ABC, CBD, $AB : BC :: BC : BD$;

again, by the similar triangles, BAC, CAD $AB : AC :: AC : AD$;

therefore, reducing the first to an equation, $AB \times BD = BC^2$

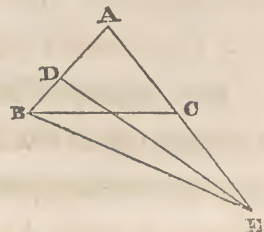
and, reducing the second analogy to an equation, $AB \times AD = AC^2$

then, adding these two equations $AB \times (AD + BD) = AC^2 + BC^2$
but, since AB is equal to the sum of the two lines AD, DB, therefore $AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$,

THEOREM 63.

161. Two triangles, which have an angle of the one equal to an angle of the other, are to each other as the rectangle of the sides about the equal angles.

Suppose the two triangles joined, so as to have a common angle, and let the two triangles be ABC, ADE. Draw the straight line BE.



Now the triangle ABE : tria. ADE :: AB : AD ;

Therefore the triangle ABE : tria. ADE :: AB × AE : AD × AE.

Or, alternately, the triangle ABE : AB × AE :: the triangle ADE : AD × AE.

In like manner, the triangle ABE : AB × AE :: the triangle ABC : AB × AC.

Therefore, by equality, the tria. ABC : tria. ADE :: AB × AC : AD × AE.

THEOREM 64.

162. Similar triangles are to one another as the squares of their homologous sides.

Let the angle A be equal to the angle D, and the angle B equal to E.

Then AB : DE :: AC : DF (155)

and AB : DE :: AB : DE.

therefore, by multiplying the corresponding terms, we have $AB^2 : DE^2 :: AC \times AB : DF \times DE$.

But the triangle BAC : triangle EDF :: AC × AB : DF × DE (162).

Therefore the triangle ABC : triangle DEF :: $AB^2 : DE^2$.

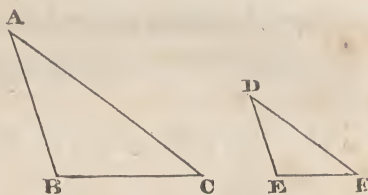
Or thus, let \triangle signify a triangle; then (162)—

$$\triangle ABC : \triangle DEF :: AB \times AC : DE \times DF.$$

$$\triangle ABC : \triangle DEF :: AB \times BC : DE \times EF.$$

$$AC \times BC : DF \times EF :: \triangle ABC : \triangle DEF.$$

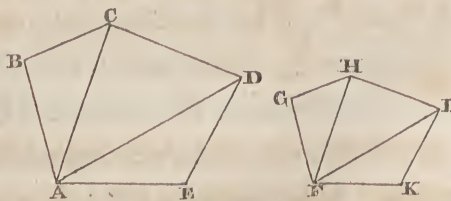
Therefore, by multiplication, $\triangle ABC : \triangle DEF :: AB^2 : DE^2$.



THEOREM 65.

163. Similar polygons are composed of the same number of triangles, which are similar, and similarly situated.

In the polygon ABCDE, draw from any angle, A, the diagonals AC, AD; and, in the other polygon, FGHK, draw, in like manner, from the angle F, which is homologous to A, the diagonals FH, FI.



Since the polygons are similar, the angle B is equal to its homologous angle G; and, besides, AB : BC :: FG : GH; therefore, the triangles ABC and FGH

are similar (158), and the angle BCA is equal to GHF ; these equal angles being taken from the equal angles BCD , GHI , the remainders ACD , FHI , are equal: but, since the triangles ABC and FGH are similar, we have $AC : FH :: BC : GH$; and, because of the similitude of the polygons, we have $BC : GH :: CD : HI$; therefore, $AC : FH :: CD : HI$. Now it has been shown that the angle ACD is equal to FHI ; therefore the triangles ACD , FHI , are similar (158).

In like manner, it may be demonstrated that, the remaining triangles of the two polygons are similar; therefore the polygons are composed of the same number of similar triangles, similarly situated.

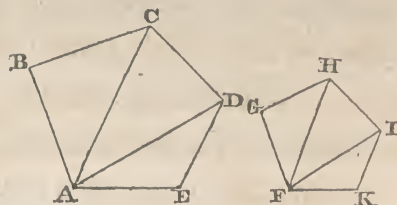
THEOREM 66.

164. The perimeters of similar polygons are to one another as their homologous sides.

$$AB : FG :: BC : GH.$$

$$BC : GH :: CD : HI.$$

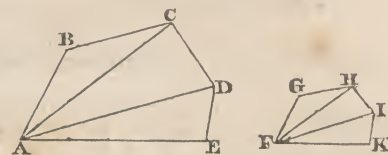
Therefore, $AB : FG :: AB + BC + CD :: FG + GH + HI$ (131); wherefore AB is to FG as the perimeter of the polygon $ABCD$ is to the perimeter of the polygon $FGHIK$.



THEOREM 67.

165. The areas of similar polygons are as the squares of their homologous sides.

Let the polygons be $ABCDE$ and $FGHIK$; from any angle, A , draw the diagonals AC , AD ; and, from the homologous angle F , draw the diagonals FH , FI ; then the triangles ABC , ACD , ADE , are respectively equal, and similar to the triangles FGH , FHI , FIK .



$$\text{Therefore the triangle } ABC : \text{triangle } FGH :: AC^2 : FH^2$$

$$\text{And } \dots \text{ the triangle } ACD : \text{triangle } FHI :: AC^2 : FH^2.$$

$$\text{Therefore the triangle } ABC : \text{triangle } FGH :: ACD : FHI.$$

In the same manner it may be demonstrated that the triangle $ACD : \text{triangle } FHI :: ADE : FIK$, and so on, if the polygons consist of more triangles.

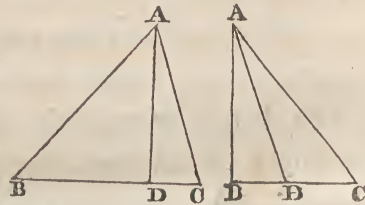
Hence (131) the triangle ABC is to the triangle FGH as the sum of the triangles ABC, ACD, ADE, to the sum of the triangles FGH, FHI, FIK; but the sum of the triangles ABC, ACD, ADE, compose the whole polygon ABCDE, and the sum of the triangles FGH, FHI, FIK, compose the polygon FGHIK; wherefore the triangle ABC is to the triangle FGH as the polygon ABCDE is to the polygon FGHIK; but the triangle ABC is to the triangle FGH as AB^2 is to FG^2 ; therefore the similar polygons are as the squares of their homologous sides.

166. COROLLARY.—If three similar figures have their homologous sides equal to the three sides of a right-angled triangle, the figure made on the side opposite to the right angle shall be equal to the other two.

THEOREM 68.

167. In any triangle, ABC, the square of AB, opposite to one of the acute angles, is equal to the difference between the sum of the squares of the other two sides, and twice the rectangle BD \times DC, made by the perpendicular AD, to the side BC.

There are two cases, according as the perpendicular falls within or without the triangle. In the first case, $BD = BC - CD$; and, in the second case, $BD = CD - BC$.



In either case..... $BD^2 = BC^2 + CD^2 - 2BC \times CD$.

But (160) $AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$

and (160) $AD^2 + CD^2 = AC^2$.

Therefore, by addition, $AB^2 = AC^2 + BC - 2B \times CD$.

THEOREM 69.

168. In any obtuse-angled triangle, the square of the side opposite to the obtuse angle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides, and twice the rectangle, $BC \times CD$, made by the perpendicular, AD, upon the side BC.

For $BD = BC + CD$;

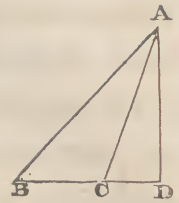
Therefore, $BD^2 = BC^2 + CD^2 + 2BC \times CD$;

But, (160) $AB^2 = AD^2 + BD^2$

and (160) .. $AD^2 + CD^2 = AC^2$

Therefore, by adding these three equations together,

$$AB^2 = AC^2 + BC^2 + 2BC \times CD.$$

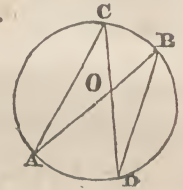


THEOREM 70.

169. If any two chords, in a circle, cut each other, the rectangle of the segments of the one is equal to the rectangle of the segments of the other.

Let AB and CD cut each other in O, then $OA \times OB = OD \times OC$.

For, join AC and BD: then, in the triangles AOC, BOD, the vertical angles at O are equal; also the angle $A = D$ and $C = B$ (92), consequently the triangles AOC and DOB are similar, and their homologous sides proportional.



Whence $AO : OC :: DO : OB$

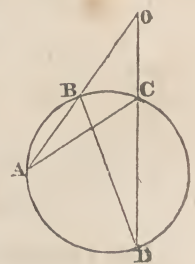
Wherefore $AO \times OB = OD \times CO$.

THEOREM 71.

170. If any two chords, in a circle, be produced to meet each other, the rectangle of the two distances, from the point of intersection to each extremity of the one chord, is equal to the rectangle of the two distances from the point of intersection to each extremity of the other chord.

Let AB and CD be two chords, and let them be produced to meet in O; $OA \times OB = OD \times OC$.

For, join AC and BD; then, in the triangles AOC and DOB the angle at O is common, and the angle $A = D$ (92); therefore the third angle, ACB, of the one triangle, is equal to the third angle, DBO, of the other; consequently the triangles AOC and DOB are similar, and their homologous sides proportional.



Whence $AO : OC :: DO : OB$

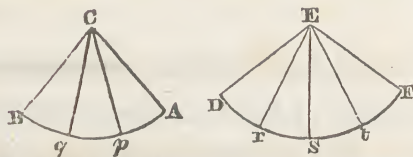
Wherefore, $AO \times OB = OD \times OC$.

THEOREM 72.

171. In the same circle, or in equal circles, any angles, ACB , DEF , at the centres, are to each other as the arcs AB , DF , of the circles intercepted between the lines which contain the angles.

Let us suppose that the arc AB contains three of such parts as DF contains four. Let

Ap , pq , qB , be the equal parts in AB , and Dr , rs , &c. the equal parts in DF : draw the lines

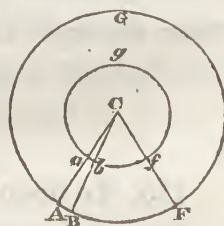


Cp , Cq , Er , Es , &c.; the angles ACp , pCq , qCB , DEr , &c. are all equal; therefore, as the arc AB contains $\frac{1}{4}$ th part of the arc DF three times, the angle ACB will evidently contain $\frac{1}{4}$ of the angle DEF also three times; and, in general, whatever number of times the arc AB contains some part of the arc DF , the same number of times will the angle ACB contain a like part of the angle DEF .

THEOREM 73.

172. In two different circles, similar arcs are as the radii of the circles.

Let the circles AFG , afg , be each described from the centre C . Draw the radii CA , CF , then the arcs Af and af are similar. Draw CB , indefinitely, near CA , and the sectors Cab , CAB , will approach very nearly to isosceles triangles, which are similar to each other; therefore, $Ca : CA :: ab : AB$; let BF be divided into small arcs, each equal to AB , and draw the radii from each point of division; then bf will contain as many arcs, each equal to ab , as the arc BF contains arcs equal to AB ; therefore af is the same multiple of ab that AF is of AB ; whence $Ca : CA :: af : AF$.



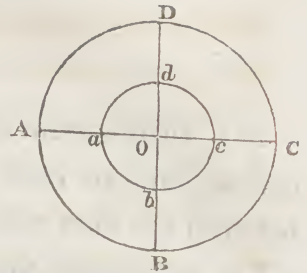
THEOREM 74.

173. The circumference of circles are to one another as their diameters.

For, let the circumferences $ABCD$, $abcd$, be divided into quadrants by the radii OaA , ObB , OcC , OdD , then the quadrants AB , ab , will be similar arcs;

therefore, $OA : Oa :: AB : ab$

wherefore, $OA : Oa :: 4AB : 4ab$.



PRACTICAL GEOMETRY.

PROBLEM 1.

174. To make an angle at a given point, E, (*fig. 35, pl. I.*) in a straight line, DE, equal to a given angle ABC.

From the centre B, with any radius, describe an arc gh , cutting BA at g , and BC at h ; from the point E, with the same radius, describe an arc, ik , cutting ED at i : make ik equal to gh , and through the point k draw EF; then the angle DEF will be equal to the given angle ABC.

PROBLEM 2.

175. To bisect a given angle ABC (*fig. 36, pl. I.*)

From BA and BC cut off Be and Bf , equal to each other; from the points e and f , as centres, with any radius greater than the distance ef , describe arcs, cutting each other at G, and join BG, which will bisect the angle ABC, as required.

PROBLEM 3.

176. Through a given point g , (*fig. 37, pl. I.*) to draw a straight line parallel to a given straight line, AB.

From g draw ge , to cut AB at any angle in the point e : in AB take any other point f ; make the angle Bfh equal to feg , and make fh equal to

eg, and through the points *g* and *h* draw the line *CD*; then *CD* will pass through *g* parallel to *AB*, as required.

PROBLEM 4.

177. At a given distance, parallel to a given straight line, *AB*, (*fig. 38*, *pl. I*.) to draw a straight line, *CD*.

In the given straight line *AB*, take any two points, *e* and *f*; and, from the centres *e* and *f*, with the given distance, describe arcs at *p* and *q*; draw the line *CD*, to touch the arcs *p* and *q*; then *CD* will be parallel to *AB*, at the distance required.

PROBLEM 5.

178. To bisect a given straight line, *CD*, (*fig. 39*, *pl. I*.) by a perpendicular.

From the points *C* and *D*, with any distance greater than the half of *CD*, describe arcs cutting each other in *A* and *B*: join *AB*, and this line will bisect *AB* perpendicularly.

PROBLEM 6.

179. From a given point *C*, (*fig. 40*, *pl. I*.) in a given straight line, *AB*, to erect a perpendicular.

In the straight line, *AB*, take any two points, *e* and *f*, equally distant from *C*: from the points *e* and *f*, with any equal radius, greater than the half of *ef*, describe arcs cutting each other at *D*, and draw *CD*, which will be perpendicular to *AB*.

PROBLEM 7.

180. From a given point, *B*, (*fig. 1*, *pl. II*.) at the extremity of a given straight line, *AB*, to draw a perpendicular.

Take any point, *E*, above the line *AB*, and, with the radius *BE*, describe the arc *dBC*, cutting *AB* in *d*: draw the straight line *dEC*, and join *BC*, which will be the perpendicular required.

PROBLEM 8.

181. From a given point, *C*, (*fig. 2*, *pl. II*.) to let fall a perpendicular to a given straight line, *AB*.

From the point C, with any radius greater than the distance of AB, describe an arc cutting AB at *e* and *f*; from the points *e* and *f*, as centres, with any equal radius greater than the half of A, describe arcs cutting each other in D, and draw CD, which will be the perpendicular required.

PROBLEM 9.

182. To describe the segment of a circle, which shall have a given length or chord, AB, (*fig. 3, pl. II.*) and a given breadth, or *versed sine*, CD.*

By problem 2, bisect the straight line AB, by a perpendicular CE; from the point D, where the perpendicular cuts the chord AB, make DC equal to the breadth or *versed sine*; join AC; and, by problem 1, make the angle CAE equal to the angle ACE: from E, as a centre, with the radius EA or EC, describe the arc ACB, which will be the segment required.

PROBLEM 10.

183. Through three given points, A, B, C, (*fig. 4, pl. II.*) to describe the circumference of a circle.

Join AB, BC; and, by problem 2, bisect each of the lines AB and BC by a perpendicular, and let the perpendiculars meet each other in I: from the centre I, with the distance IA, IB, or IC, describe the circle ABC, which is that required.

PROBLEM 11.

184. Upon a given straight line, AB, (*fig. 5, pl. II.*) to describe an equilateral triangle.

From the centres A and B, with the radius AB, describe arcs cutting each other at C. Join AC and BC; then ABC will be the equilateral triangle required.

PROBLEM 12.

185. Upon a given straight line, AB, (*fig. 6, pl. II.*) to describe a square.

From the point B, by problem 5, draw BC perpendicular to AB; make BC equal to AB: from the points A and C, as centres, with a radius equal to AB

* The meaning of *sine*, *versed sine*, &c. is given in Trigonometry, hereafter.

or B, describe arcs cutting each other in D, and join AD, and DC; then ABCD is the square required.

PROBLEM 13.

186. Upon a given straight line, AB, (*figures 7 and 8, pl. II.*) to describe a regular polygon of any number of sides.

Produce the side AB to P, and on AP, from the centre B, describe a semi-circle ACP; divide the semi-circumference ACP into as many equal parts as the number of sides intended; through the second division, from P, draw the line BC; bisect AB and BC by perpendiculars cutting each other in S; from S, with the radius AS, BS, or CS, describe a circle ABCDE, then carry the side AB or BC round the remaining part of the arc, which will be found to contain the remaining sides of the number required.

Figure 7 is an example of a pentagon. *Figure 8* is an example of a hexagon: but, in this figure, we need not proceed by the general method; we have only to make a radius of the given side AB; and take the points A and B as centres; and form the arcs AG and BG, and strike a circle with the radius GA or GB, which will contain the side AB six times.

PROBLEM 14.

187. In a given square, ABCD, (*fig. 9, pl. II.*) to inscribe a regular octagon, so that four alternate sides of the octagon may coincide with four sides of the square.

Draw the diagonals AC and BD, cutting each other in S; on the sides of the square make AL, AF, BE, BH; CG, CK; and DI, DM, each equal to half the diagonal; join ME, FG, HI, KL; then will FGHKLMFE be the octagon required.

PROBLEM 15.

188. In a given triangle ABC, (*fig. 10, pl. II.*) to inscribe a circle.

Bisect any two angles, A and B, by the straight lines AE and BE, and the point E, the intersection of these two lines will be the centre of the inscribed circle: draw ED perpendicular to AB, cutting AB in D; from E, with the radius ED, describe the circle DFG, which will be inscribed in the triangle ABC, as required.

PROBLEM 16.

189. A circle, DEF, (*fig. 11, pl. II.*) and a line AB, touching it, being given, to find the point of contact.

From the centre C draw the perpendicular CD, cutting AB in D, which is the point of contact required.

PROBLEM 17.

190. Two straight lines, AB, BC, (*fig. 12, pl. II.*) forming any angle, being given, to describe a circle to touch each of these lines at a given point, A, in one of them.

Make BC equal to BA, and draw AD perpendicular to AB, and CD perpendicular to BC; from the point of intersection D, with the radius DA or DC, describe the circle ACE, which is that required.

PROBLEM 18.

191. In a given circle, ABCD, (*fig. 13, pl. II.*) to inscribe a square.

Draw the diameters AC and BD at right angles, and join AB, BC, CD, DA; then ABCD will be the square required.

PROBLEM 19.

192. To describe a segment, ABC, of a circle, by means of an angle.

Let AC (*fig. 14, pl. II.*) be the length or chord, and DB the versed sine. Join BA and BC; produce BA to E, and BC to F, making BE and BF of any length, not less than the chord AC. Prepare two straight edges, BE and BF, and fasten them together at the angle B, so that their outer edges may form the angle ABC; and, to keep them to the extent, fix another slip, GH, to each straight edge at G and H. Bring the angular point B to A, then move the angle thus formed by the straight edges, so that the edge BE may always move upon the point A, and the edge BF upon the point C; then if, during the time of moving, a pencil be held to the angular point B, and the point to trace over the plane, the segment of a circle will be described. Or thus—

193. Let AC (*fig. 15, pl. II.*) be the length or chord, and BD the versed sine. Join AB, and draw BE parallel to AC, making BE of any length, not

less than AB. Form a triangular piece of wood, ABE; bring the angular point B, of the triangle, to the point A; and move the triangle, so that the side BA may slide upon A, and the side BE upon B: then if, during the motion, a pencil be held at the angular point B, with its point tracing over the plane, the arc AB will be described by the point of the pencil. The arc AB being described, the arc BC will be described in a similar manner; and, consequently, the whole segment of the circle, as required to be done.

PROBLEM 20.

To describe an ellipse to any length and breadth.

194. *Method the first* (*fig. 16, pl. II.*).—Draw the line AC, and make AC equal to the length required; bisect AC by a perpendicular BD, and make EB and ED each equal to half the breadth.

To find any point, *g*, in the curve; with the difference of ED and EA, as a radius, from any point *f*, in EB, describe an arc, cutting EC in *h*. Draw *fh*, and produce it to *g*, and make *hg* equal to EB or ED; then *g* will be a point in the curve, as required. Or thus—

195. Divide AE and AF (*fig. 17, pl. II.*) each into the same number of equal parts, as here into five. Through the points of section 1, 2, 3, &c. draw the lines B*h*, B*i*, B*k*, &c.; and through the points of section, 1, 2, 3, &c., in AF, draw the lines 1D, 2D, 3D, &c., cutting the former lines drawn from B, in the points, *h*, *i*, *k*, &c.; then through the points A, *h*, *i*, *k*, &c. draw a curve, and we shall have the fourth part, or quarter, of the whole curve. In the same manner the other quarter DC may be found.

And, by taking the point D, instead of B, and by describing the rectangle upon AC, so that the opposite side may pass through B, and dividing and drawing lines in the same manner, we shall have the whole curve.

PROBLEM 21.

196. Having given three straight lines, any two of which, taken together, being greater than the remaining one, to construct a triangle.

Let A, B, and C, (*fig. 1, pl. III.*) be the three lines given. Make DE equal to A; and from D, as a centre, with a distance equal to C, describe an arc;

and from E, as a centre, with a distance equal to B, describe another arc, meeting the former in F; join DF and EF; and DEF will be the triangle required.

PROBLEM 22.

197. Given a trapezium, to construct another every way equal to it.

Let GHIK (*fig. 2, pl. III,*) be the given trapezium. Draw GI, the diagonal, and make LN equal thereto; on LN describe the triangle LNM, equal to the triangle GHI, by the last problem. Describe, also, the triangle LON, equal to the triangle GKI, and the thing is done.

PROBLEM 23.

198. Given a triangle, to make a rectangle equal to it.

Let ABC (*fig. 3, pl. III,*) be a triangle. From C draw CD perpendicular to AB, which bisect in *g*, by the straight line EF, drawn parallel to AB; from the points A and B draw the perpendiculars AE and BF; and the rectangle ABFE is equal to the triangle ABC.

PROBLEM 24.

199. To make a square equal to a given rectangle.

Let ABCD (*fig. 4, pl. III,*) be a rectangle; produce the side AB till B*h* be equal to BC; on A*h* describe a semi-circle, and produce BC to meet the arc G; on BG describe the square BGFE, and the thing is done.

PROBLEM 25.

200. To find the side of a square equal to two squares whose sides are given.

Let A and B (*fig. 5, pl. III,*) be the given sides. Make CD equal to A, and at C, draw CE perpendicular to CD, and make it equal to B; join ED, and ED will be the side of a square equal to both the given squares.

PROBLEM 26.

201. Given the sides of three squares, to find the side of another equal to the three.

Let A, B, and C, (*fig. 6, pl. III,*) be the given sides. Find DF, as in the last problem, equal to both the squares, whose sides are A and B; produce ED till EG equal DF, and make EH equal to C; join GH, and the thing is done.

PROBLEM 27.

202. Given two circles, to find a third equal to them both.

Let AB and AC, (*fig. 7, pl. III.*) be the diameters of the given circles, perpendicular to each other at the point A; join CB, on which describe a circle, and the thing is done.

PROBLEM 28.

203. Given any two similar figures, to find another equal and similar to them both.

Let E and F, (*fig. 8, pl. III.*) have their sides AB and AC placed perpendicular to each other; join BC, on which describe a figure similar to E or F, and the thing is done.

PROBLEM 29.

204. Given three straight lines, to find a fourth, proportional.

Let AC, (*fig. 9, pl. III.*) one of the given lines, make any angle with the line CE, and from B, one extremity of another given line, draw BD, the third, any how to meet CE, and through A draw AE parallel to BD, and AE will be the fourth proportional.

PROBLEM 30.

205. Having given two lines, to find a third, proportional.

Let CB and CD (*fig. 10, pl. III.*) be the given lines, and let them have any inclination at the point C; join BD, and produce CD and CB to A and E, making CA equal to CD; through A draw AE parallel to BD, and CE will be the third proportional required.

PROBLEM 31.

206. To divide a given line in the same proportion as another line is divided.

Let *de* (*fig. 11, pl. III.*) be the line proposed for division. On *de* describe an equilateral triangle, *dCe*; produce the sides *Cd* and *Ce* till each of them be equal to AB; join AB, and from C to the points of division, *f, g, h*, draw the lines *Cf, Cg*, and *Ch*, which will cut *de* in the points *i, h, l*, in the same proportion as AB is cut. Or thus—

207. Let BD be the given line (*fig. 12, pl. III,*) whose division is required. Upon BD raise BA perpendicular at the point B, which make equal to BD; produce AB till AC be equal to the given divided line CE; draw CE perpendicular to AC, and produce AD to E, to the points of division *f, g, h, i*; from A draw the lines *Af, Ag, Ah, and Ai*, which will divide the line BD in the given proportion.

PROBLEM 32.

208. To divide the quadrant of a circle into any number of equal parts.

Bisect the diameter AB (*fig. 13, pl. III,*) perpendicularly in C, produce CE till EF be equal to three-fourths of AC or BC. Join FA, which produce to meet DG, drawn through D, parallel to AB; divide DG into the proposed number of equal parts in the points *h, i, k, l*, and join *Fh, Fi, Fk, and Fl*, which will divide the quadrant AD, into the proposed number of equal parts nearly.

PROBLEM 33.

209. To find a line equal to a given arc of a circle.

Let ABC (*fig. 14, pl. III,*) be the given arc. Join AC, which bisect in D, by the perpendicular BD; join AB, and produce AC till AE be equal twice AB; divide CE into three equal parts, and make EF equal to one of these parts; then will AF be nearly equal to the arc ABC.

PROBLEM A.

210. Having the abscissa ED, (*figures 1 and 2, pl. IV,*) and a double ordinate AB, to describe a parabola.

Produce ED to B, making DB equal to DE, and join AB and CB. Divide AB into any number of equal parts, numbering them from A to B, and divide BC into the same number of equal parts, numbering them from B to C. Join 1, 1; 2, 2; 3, 3; &c., and the parts of the straight lines, comprehended between the intersections, will form the parabola, being all tangents at different points.

PROBLEM B.

204^A. To describe a parabola by a continued motion.

Let GH (*fig. 3, pl. IV,*) be the straight edge of a ruler, and KLQ the internal right angle of a square, and let the edge which is parallel to KL coincide

with the straight edge GH. Suppose now one end of a string fastened at F, and the other end to the end G of the square. Let FI be perpendicular to GH, meeting GH in I. Suppose the ruler to remain fixed, and the square to be moved, keeping the upper edge against the straight edge GH; then, if both parts, FM, MQ, be kept straight by a pencil at M, the point M will describe the half of the parabolic curve.

PROBLEM C.

205^B. Given the axis major and two foci of a conic section, to describe the curve.

Let AB (*figures 5 and 6, pl. IV,*) be the axis major, and the points F, *f*, the foci. Produce BA, if necessary, to F, and make AI equal to AF; from the remote focus, *f*, describe an arc QI. Through Q draw *f*M; then find the point M, by sloping with a compass or dividers, so that FM may be equal to MQ; then M is a point in the curve.

By employing F in the same manner as has now been done, in respect of *f*, we shall obtain the curve *rBs*.

N.B. In the ellipse, *fig. 6*, it will be most convenient to describe one-half by means of the focus *f*, and then the other by the other focus F.

In the parabola, *fig. 4*, the arc QI will become a straight line. This being understood, the point M, and every other point will be found, as in *figs. 5 and 6**.

PROBLEM D.

206^C. To describe an ellipse having the two axes given.

On AB (*fig. 7, pl. IV,*) describe the rectangle GHIK, whose sides GH and GK are equal to the given axes. Divide CD into any number of parts, *q, r, s, t*, and DG into the same number, *a, b, c, d*; from B, through the points of division *q, r, s, t*, draw lines BM, &c.; and from A, to the points of division, *a, b, c, d*, draw A*a*, A*b*, &c., meeting the former in M; then will M be a point in the curve: and thus may all the points be found, through which draw the curve itself, and what was required is done. Or thus—

* This ingenious method of describing the conic section is due to the talents of Mr. Robert Gibson, of Hampstead.

207^D. Let F and f be the foci, (*fig. 8, pl. IV.*) Make $FM + fM$ equal to AB , supposing $FM + fM$ to be a cord or string. Then move the point M round, taking care to keep the string always tight, and the point M will, in its motion, trace out the curve $ADBD$, which is the ellipse required. Or thus—

208^E. In *fig. 9, pl. IV*, gi is the semi-transverse, and gh the difference of the semi-axes. The point g is supposed to move in the groove exhibited in one arm of the trammel, while h moves in the other, and the point i traces out the curve.

PROBLEM E.

209^F. To describe an ellipse round a given rectangle.

In *fig. 10, pl. IV*, let IT be half the longest side of the rectangle, and make IG equal to IT ; join TG , cutting AB in H ; Then GI is the semi-transverse, and GH the difference of the semi-axes; therefore, the curve may be described, as in the last problem.

PROBLEM F.

210^G. To describe an ellipse by means of circles.

From the centre C , (*fig. 11, pl. IV.*) with a distance equal to the semi-conjugate, describe the quadrant Dhg ; and, from the same centre, with the semi-transverse as a distance, describe the arc iB . Bisect Dhg in h ; join Ch , which produce to i ; through h draw hk parallel to CB , and from i , draw ik perpendicular to hk : then will k be a point in the curve. Produce DC to l , and bisect the distance Dk perpendicularly, which bisecting line produce to meet DC in l , then will l be the centre of the circle, describing one part of the curve. Again, through l draw lm parallel to hk meeting the arc Dnm in m ; join mB , which produce to meet the curve in n ; join nl , cutting AB in g ; g is the centre of the circle whence the vertical part of the curve is described.

PROBLEM 34.

211. To describe an *hyperbola*, or a figure that may have any curvature at the summit that we please (*fig. 18. pl. II.*)

Let AC be the base, or what is called a *double ordinate*: make ED equal to the height, in the middle of AC ; then upon AC , as a side, describe a rectangle,

AFGC, so that the opposite side may pass through D; produce ED to the point B; take the point B, farther or nearer from D, according as the curvature at D is required to be flatter or quicker; and observe that, the quicker the curve is at D, the flatter it will be towards A and C. The point B being thus fixed, divide AE into any number of parts, as here into four; also, divide AF into the same number of parts, viz. four; through 1, 2, 3, &c., the points of section in AE, draw lines to B; and through the points of section, 1, 2, 3, &c. in AF, draw lines to D, cutting the former lines drawn to B, in the points *h, i, k*, &c.; and, through the points A, *h, i, k*, &c., draw a curve, which will be the half of an hyperbola, or an hyperbolic curve.

PROBLEM 35.

212. To describe a *parabola* upon a given ordinate, AE, and a given abscissa, ED* (*fig. 19, pl. II*).

Make EC equal to EA, and complete the rectangle AFGC; so that the opposite side may pass through D. Proceed as in the two former problems, 33 and 34; excepting that, instead of drawing the lines to B, through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in AE, to draw them parallel to ED.

PROBLEM 36.

213. To describe the figure of the Sines† (*fig. 20, pl. II*).

Describe the quadrant FHG, equal to the height of the figure, and divide the arc HG into any number of equal parts; the more of these, the more perfect the operation will be; and extend the chords to double the number of parts upon the line AC, which is a continuation of FH, and mark the points of division. Draw the lines *1k, 2l, 3m*, &c. perpendicular to AC; and, from the points 1, 2, 3, &c. of division in the quadrant, draw lines *1k, 2l, 3m*, &c. parallel to AC, and through the points A, *k, l, m*, &c., draw a curve, which will be the figure of the sines, as required.

* The PARABOLA is a figure arising from the section of a cone, when cut by a plane parallel to one of its sides. This, with other terms in Conics, is fully described, under CONIC SECTIONS, hereafter.

† The SINE, or *right sine*, of an arch, is a right line drawn from one end of that arch, perpendicular to a radius, drawn to the other end of the same.—See TRIGONOMETRY, hereafter.

GEOMETRY OF SOLIDS.

DEFINITIONS OF SOLIDS.

214. A RIGHT CYLINDER is that which is formed by the revolution of a rectangle about one of its sides: the line round which the rectangle revolves is called the *axis* (plural *axes*); and the circles generated by the two opposite sides of the rectangle, perpendicular to the axes, are termed the ends or bases. The surface of the cylinder, generated by the line parallel to the axis, is termed the *curved surface*, which is either straight or convex, according as a straight edge is applied, parallel to the axis, or in any other direction.

215. A RIGHT CONE is that which is formed by supposing a right-angled triangle to revolve about one of its legs or perpendicular sides; the fixed leg, or line, is called the *axis*; the surface generated by the other leg is called the *base*; and the surface formed by the hypotenuse, or side opposite the right angle, is denominated the *curved surface*, which is either straight or convex, according as a straight edge is applied upon the surface from the vertex, or in any other direction.

216. A SPHERE or GLOBE is that which is formed by supposing a semi-circle to revolve upon its diameter; the diameter upon which the semi-circle revolves is called the *axis*, and the surface formed by the arc of the semi-circle is called the *curved surface*, which is convex, in whatever way it may be tried by a straight edge.

217. An ELLIPSOID is formed or generated by supposing a semi-ellipse to revolve upon one of its axes; the axis thus fixed is called the *axis of the ellipsoid*, and the surface generated by the curve is termed the *curved surface*.

PROBLEM 37.

218. To describe a conic section, from the cone, through a line given in position, in the section passing through the axis.

Let ABC, (*figures 1, 2, 3, pl. VI.*) be the section of a right cone, and let DE be the line of section. Through the apex or top of the cone, C, draw CF, parallel to the base AB of the section, and produce ED to meet AB in D, as in *figures 2 and 3*, or AB produced in G, as in *fig. 1*, as also to meet CF in F. On AB describe a semi-circle, which will be equal to half the base of the cone. In the semi-circle take any number of points, *a, b, c, &c.* Draw Dd, in *figures 2 and 3*, and Gd in *fig. 1*, perpendicular to AB and Gd', in *fig. 1*, perpendicular to GF; as, also, Dd', *figures 2 and 3*, perpendicular to DF. From the points *a, b, c, &c.* draw lines, *ae, bf, cg, &c.*, cutting Gd (*figure 1*) and Dd (*figures 2 and 3*) in the points *e, f, g, &c.* In *figure 1*, make Ge', Gf', Gg', &c. equal to Ge, Gf, Gg, &c.; and in Dd', (*figures 2 and 3*), make De', Df', Dg', &c. equal to De, Df, Dg, &c. Through the points *e', f', g', &c.* draw lines to F. Through the points *a, b, c, &c.* draw lines perpendicular to AB. From the points of section, in AB, draw lines to the vertex C of the cone, cutting the sectional line, DE, in *l, m, n, &c.* Through the points of section *l, m, n, &c.*, draw *lh, mi, nk, &c.* perpendicular to DE. Through the points D, *h, i, k, &c.* in *fig. 1*, or *d', h, i, k, &c.* *figures 2 and 3*, draw a curve, which will be the conic section required.

OBSERVATIONS.

219. In the first of these figures, the line of section cuts both sides of the section of the cone; in this case, the curve Dhik and eE is an *Ellipse*. In *fig. 2*, the line of section DE is parallel to the side AC of the section of the cone; in this case, the curve d'hi, &c. E, is a *Parabola*. In *fig. 3*, the line of section, DE, is not parallel to any side of the cone; it must, therefore, when produced with the sides of the section through the axis, meet each of these two sides in different points: in this case, the section d', h, i, &c. E, is either an *Ellipse* or

Hyperbola; but the case is determined to be an hyperbola by the line of section meeting the opposite side BC at AC, where it cuts above the vertex at the point B'.

Here we may observe that the line of section, DE, is the same as that which has before been called the *abscissa*, the part EB produced, contained between the two sides of the section, is called the *axis major*; and the line Dd, perpendicular to DE, an *ordinate*.

Hence the same section may be found by the method already shown in the problem; viz. by drawing any straight line, *deb*, *fig. 4*: make *de* equal to DE, *fig. 3*, and *eb* equal to EB, *fig. 3*. Through *d* draw the straight line DD at right angles to *db'*: make *dD* equal to *Dd'*, *fig. 3*; then, with the axis major *b'e*, the abscissa *ed*, and the ordinate *dD*, on each side of the abscissa describe the curve of the hyperbola, which will be of the same species as that shown in *fig. 3*.

PROBLEM 38.

220. To describe a cylindric section, through a line given in position, upon the section passing through its axis (*fig. 4, pl. VI*).

This is no more than a particular case of the last problem. For a cylinder may be considered as a cone, having its apex at an infinite distance from its base; or, practically, at a vast distance from its base. In this case all the lines, for a short distance, would differ insensibly from parallel lines; and this is the construction shown at *fig. 5*, which is therefore evident. But as the section of a cylinder so frequently occurs, I shall here give a more practical description of it. Thus—

Let ABHI be a section of a right cylinder, passing through its axis, AB being the side which passes through the base, and let DE be the line of section. On AB describe a semi-circle; and, in the arc, take any number of points, *a, b, c, &c.*, from which draw lines perpendicular to the diameter, AB, cutting it in Q, R, S, &c.: perpendicular to AB, or parallel to AI or BH, draw the lines Qq, Rr, Ss, &c. cutting the line of section, DE, in the points, *q, r, s, &c.*: from the points of section, *q, r, s, &c.* draw the lines *qi, rk, sl, &c.* per-

pendicular to the line of section, DE. Make the ordinates $qi, rk, sl, \&c.$ each respectively equal to the ordinates $Qa, Rb, Sc, \&c.$; and through the points D, $i, k, l, \&c.$ to E, draw a curve, which will evidently be the section of the cylinder, as required.

The same may be done in this manner, viz.—Bisect the line of section DE in the point t . Draw tm perpendicular to DE. Make tm equal to the radius of the circle which forms the end of the cylinder; then, with the *axis major*, DE, and the semi-axis minor, tm , describe a semi-ellipse, which will be the section of the cylinder required.

A DEFINITION.

221. A CUNEOID is a solid ending in a straight line, in which, if any point be taken, a perpendicular from that point may be made to coincide with the surface: the end of the cuneoid may be of any form whatever.

The cuneoid, which occurs in architecture, has a semi-circular or a semi-elliptical end, parallel to the straight line to which the perpendicular is applied.

PROBLEM 39.

222. To find the section of a cuneoid, with a semi-circular base, the given *data* being a section through the axis, perpendicular to the vertex, or sharp end, and the line of section upon that end.

Let ABC, (*fig. 6, pl. VI.*) be the section through the axis, perpendicular to the sharp edge, and let DE be the line of section.

This construction is similar to that of finding the section of a cylinder, excepting that, instead of drawing parallel lines from the base, AB, they are, in this figure, drawn from the points of section in AB to the point C, which is the vertex of the cuneoid: the ordinates, $Qa, Rb, Sc, \&c.$, being transferred respectively to $qi, rk, sl, \&c.$; and the curve D, $i, k, l, \&c.$ to E, being drawn through the points, D, $i, k, l, \&c.$, by hand.

PROBLEM 40.

223. Given the position of the seats of three points, in the circumference of the base of a cylinder, and the lengths of the perpendiculars intercepted

between the points and their seats, to find the section of the cylinder passing through these three points.

Through the three points, A, B, C, (*fig. 7, pl. VI,*) describe the circumference of a circle. Join the two remote points, A and B, and draw AD, CF, and BE, perpendicular to AB. Make AD equal to the height upon A, BE equal to the height upon B, and CF equal to the height upon C. Produce BA and ED to meet each other in H: draw CG parallel to BH, and FG parallel to EH. Join GH. In GH take any point, G, and draw GK perpendicular to CG, cutting BH in K: from the point K draw KI, perpendicular to EH, cutting EH in L. From H, with the radius HG, describe an arc, cutting KI at I. Join HI. In the circumference, ACB, take any number of points *a, b, c, &c.*, at pleasure, and draw *ae, bf, cg, &c.* parallel to GH, cutting AB at *e, f, g, &c.* Through the points *e, f, g, &c.*, draw lines *ei, fk, gl, &c.*, parallel to GK, or AD, or BE, cutting DE at *i, k, l, &c.*; from the points of section, *i, k, l, &c.*, draw the lines *in, ko, lp, &c.*, parallel to HI. Transfer the ordinates, *ea, fb, gc, &c.* to *in, ko, lp, &c.*; then, through the points D, *n, o, p, &c.* draw the curve D*nop, &c.* to E, and it will be the section cut by the plane, as required.

PROBLEM 41.

224. Given the great circle of a sphere, and the line of position of a section at right angles to that great circle, to find the form of the section.

Let ABC, (*fig. 8, pl. VI,*) be the great circle, and AB the line of section.

On AB, as a diameter, describe a semi-circle, which will be the section required: since all the sections of a sphere, or globe, are circles.

PROBLEM 42.

225. Given the section of an ellipsoid, passing through the fixed axis, and the line of position of another section, at right angles to the first section, to find the form of the section through that line.

Let ABCD, (*fig. 9, pl. VI,*) be the section through the fixed axis, and EF the line of position. Through the centre of the ellipsoid draw AC parallel to EF. Bisect EF in H, and draw HG perpendicular to EF. Find HG a fourth

proportional to AC, DB, HE. Then, with the axis major, EF, and the semi-axis minor, HG, describe a semi-ellipse, and it will be the section of the ellipsoid required.

If AC be the axis major, BD will be the axis minor. In this case, join DC, and draw EG parallel to DC; then HG will be the height found geometrically.

PROBLEM 43.

226. To find the section of a cylindric ring, perpendicular to the plane passing through the axis of the ring, the line of section being given.

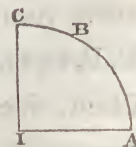
Let ABED, (*fig. 10, pl. VI.*) be the section of the ring, passing through its axis, and let AB be a straight line, passing or tending to the centre of the two concentric circles, AD and BE; also, let DE be the line of section. On AB describe a semi-circle, and take $a, b, c, \&c.$, any number of points in its circumference; draw the ordinates $ae, bf, cg, \&c.$ Through the points, $e, f, g, \&c.$, in the diameter AB, draw the concentric circles, $ei, fk, gl, \&c.$, cutting the sectional line DE in the points $i, k, l, \&c.$ Through the points $i, k, l, \&c.$ draw $in, ko, lp, \&c.$, perpendicular to DE; transfer the ordinates $ea, fb, gc, \&c.$ of the semi-circle, to $in, ko, lp, \&c.$: and, through the points D, $n, o, p, \&c.$ draw the curve, DnopqE, which is the section required.

PLANE TRIGONOMETRY.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS IN TRIGONOMETRY.*

227. THE COMPLEMENT OF AN ARC is the difference between that arc and a quadrant or quarter of a circle.

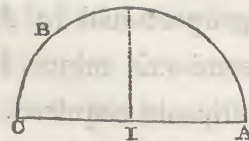
Thus, the arc BC, which is the difference between AC and AB, is the complement of AB; and AB is, in like manner, the complement of BC.



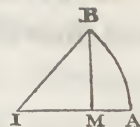
* Trigonometry is that branch of Geometry which treats exclusively on the properties, relations, and measurement, of triangles.

228. THE SUPPLEMENT OF AN ARC is the remainder between that arc and a semi-circle.

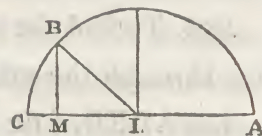
Thus, the arc given being AB, its supplement is BC.



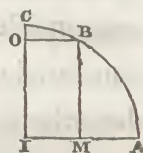
229. The SINE OF AN ARC is a straight line, drawn from one extremity of the arc, upon and perpendicular to a radius or diameter.



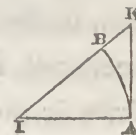
Thus, BM is the *sine* of the arc AB; and here it is evident that an arc and its supplement have the same sine.



230. The CO-SINE OF AN ARC is the sine of the complement of that arc. Hence, BO or IM is the co-sine of the arc AB; and, therefore, the sine of the complement BC.



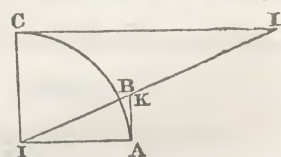
231. The TANGENT OF AN ARC is a straight line drawn from one extremity of the arc, where it touches it, to meet the prolongation of the radius through the other extremity.



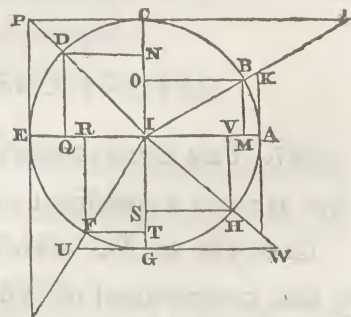
The line AK, touching the arc at A, and extended to meet the radius IB produced, is the tangent of the arc AB.

232. The CO-TANGENT OF AN ARC is the tangent of the complement of that arc.

Thus, CL is the co-tangent of the arc AB, or the tangent of the arc BC.



In the annexed diagram let AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, to A, be the several portions of the circumference, by supposing the point B to revolve round the circumference from A to B, C, D, E, F, G, H, the sine of any arc, in the first quadrant, increases from A to C, where it is the greatest possible, and then decreases to E, where it becomes zero; the sine will, therefore, be positive for the first semi-circumference, and in the other half it will be negative.



The *co-sine* will be positive in the first quarter, negative in the second and third, and again positive in the fourth.

The *tangent* will be positive in the first quarter, negative in the second, positive in the third, and negative in the fourth.

TRIGONOMETRY.—THEOREM 1.

233. If a perpendicular be drawn from an angle of a triangle, to the opposite side, which is the base; then, as the base is to the sum of the two sides, so is the difference of the sides to the difference of the segments of the base.

For, (*theorem 62, page 56,*) . . . $AC^2 - CD^2 = AD^2$

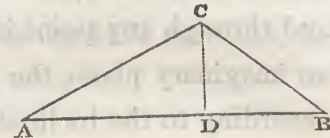
and, again, (*theorem 62,*) $BC^2 - CD^2 = BD^2$.

Subtract the second equation from the first, and the result is $AC^2 - BC^2 = AD^2 - BD^2$:

but, since the difference of the squares of any two quantities is equal to a rectangle contained by their sum and difference;

therefore $(AC + BC)(AC - BC) = (AD + BD)(AD - BD)$

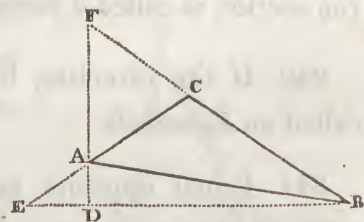
Whence, (*theorem 40, page 41,*) $AD + BD : AC + BC :: AC - BC : AD - BD$.



TRIGONOMETRY.—THEOREM 2.

234. The sum of the two sides of a triangle is to their difference as the tangent of half the sum of the angles at the base is to the tangent of half their difference.

Let ABC be a triangle; then, of the two sides, CA and CB, let CB be the greater. Produce CA to E, and make CE = CB, and join BE. Produce BC to F; and, through A, draw FD, perpendicular to EB, meeting it in D; then FBD will be half the



sum of the angles at the base, and ABD half their difference. Likewise, DF is the tangent of the angle FBD, and AD the tangent of the angle ABD: moreover BF is the sum of the two sides BC, CA, and AE is their difference.

Then, by similar triangles, BFD, EAD, . . . $BF \times AD = FD \times EA$. Wherefore $BF : AE :: FD : AD$; which is the proposition to be demonstrated.

CONIC SECTIONS.

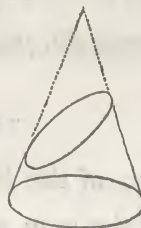
DEFINITIONS OF CONIC SECTIONS.

235. A **CONE** is a solid body, terminating in a point, called its vertex, and having a circle for its base, connected to the vertex by a curved surface, which every where coincides with a straight line passing through its vertex, and through any point in the circumference of the base. If a cone be cut by an imaginary plane, the figure of the section so formed acquires its name according to the inclination or direction of the cutting plane.

236. A plane passing through the vertex of a cone, and meeting the plane of the base, is called a *directing plane*; and the line of common section is called a *directing line*.

237. If a cone be cut by a plane parallel to the directing plane, the section is denominated a *conic section*.

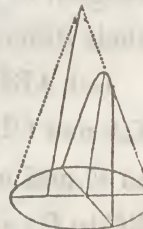
238. If the directing line fall without the base of the cone, the section is called an *ellipse*.



239. If the directing line touch the circumference of the base, the section is called a *parabola*.

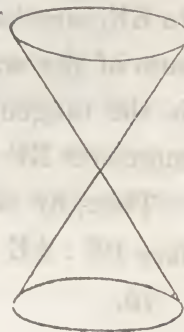


240. If the directing line fall within the base, the section is called an *hyperbola*.



241. Equal opposite cones are those which have their axes in the same straight line; and, if cut by a plane through their common line of axis, the sides of the section will be two straight lines cutting each other.

Hence the two equal and opposite cones join each other at their vertices, and have their vertical angles equal.

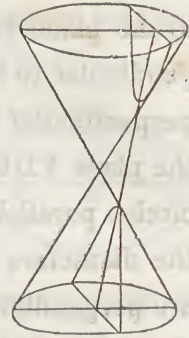


242. If the plane which produces the section of an hyperbola be extended so as to cut the opposite cone, the two sections are denominated *opposite hyperbolas*.

243. If the plane of a conic section be cut perpendicularly by another plane, which passes through the axis of the cone, the line of common section, in the plane of the figure, is called the *primary line*.

244. A point where the primary line cuts a conic section is called a *vertex* of that conic section.

Hence the ellipse has two vertices; opposite hyperbolas have each one, and the parabola has one.



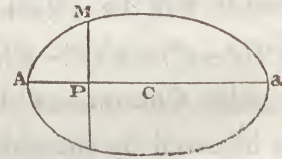
OF THE ELLIPSE.

245. That portion of the primary line terminated at each extremity by the vertices of the curve, is called the *axis major*, or *transverse axis*.

246. A straight line, drawn perpendicularly to the axis major, from any point in it, to meet the curve, is called an *ordinate*.

247. The middle of the axis major is called the *centre of the figure*.

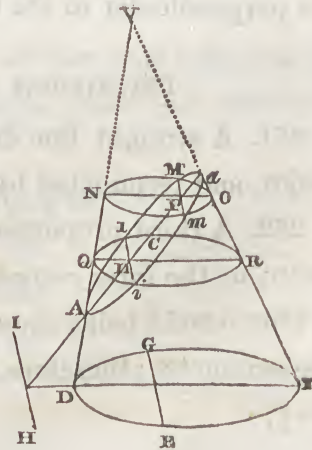
In the figure here annexed, Aa is the axis major, PM an ordinate to it, and the point C , in the middle of Aa , is the centre of the ellipse, AMa .



THE ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 1.

248. The squares of the ordinates of the axis are to each other as the rectangles of the segments of the axis, from each ordinate to each of the two vertices of the curve.

Let VDF be a plane passing through the axis of the cone, perpendicular to the cutting plane of the section $A1Mami$, and let Aa be their common section, meeting the conic surface in the points A, a ; (then Aa will be the axis major,) and let $Q1Ri$, $NMOm$, be sections of the cone, parallel to the base. Then, because the base $DGFE$ is perpendicular



to the plane VDF, the three sections, $A1Mami$, $Q1Ri$, $NMOm$, are all perpendicular to the plane VDF; therefore their common sections, $1i$, Mm , are perpendicular to the plane VDF, and to the lines Aa , QR , NO ; but, because the plane VDF passes through the axis of the cone, it will divide all the circles parallel to the base into two equal parts; therefore QR and NO are the diameters of the circles $Q1Ri$, $NMOm$; and, because the chords $1i$, Mm , are perpendiculars to the diameters, QR , NO , they will be bisected; let H be the point of bisection in $1i$, and P the point of bisection in Mm .

Let $CA = Ca = a$, $CP = x$, $PM = y$, $CH = z$, $HI = \gamma$, $PN = t$, $PO = u$, $HQ = v$, and $HR = w$.

Then $AP = CA + CP = a + x$, $aP = Ca - CP = a - x$,

and $AH = CA - CH = a - z$, $aH = Ca + CH = a + z$.

Now, by similar triangles, $\begin{cases} APN, AHQ \dots v(a+x) = t(a-z) \\ aPO, aHR \dots w(a-x) = u(a+z) \end{cases}$

and, by the circle, $\begin{cases} \dots QIR \dots \gamma^2 = vw \\ \dots NMO \dots tu = y^2 \end{cases}$

Wherefore, eliminating t, u, v, w , by multiplying the given equations, the result will be $\gamma^2(a+x)(a-x) = y^2(a-z)(a+z)$, or, by actual multiplication, $\gamma^2(a^2 - x^2) = y^2(a^2 - z^2)$.

249. COROLLARY 1.—Hence, every chord perpendicular to the axis major is bisected by the axis major.

250. COROLLARY 2.—Hence the tangents at the extremity of the axis major are perpendicular to the axis major.

DEFINITIONS RELATING TO THE ELLIPSE, CONTINUED.

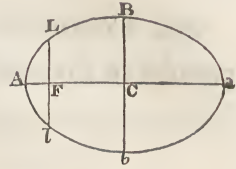
251. A straight line drawn through the centre, perpendicularly to the axis major, and terminated by the curve, is called the *axis minor*, or *conjugate axis*.

252. A third proportional to the axis major and minor, is called the *parameter*, or the *latus rectum* of the axes.

Thus a and b being the semi-transverse and semi-conjugate axes, $2a:2b::2b:p$, the parameter; therefore, $ap = 2b^2$, or if $f = \frac{1}{2}p$, we shall have $af = b^2$, therefore $f = \frac{a^2}{b}$.

253. That point in the axis, cut by an ordinate, which is equal to half the parameter, is called the *focus*.

In the figure here annexed, Bb , drawn through C , is the semi-axis minor; and, if Ll be a third proportional to Aa , Bb , then Ll is the parameter, and the point F , where it cuts Aa , is the focus.



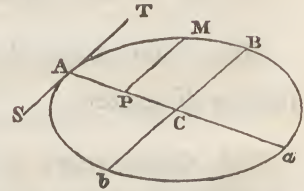
254. Any line drawn through the centre, and terminated at each extremity by the curve, is called a *diameter*.

255. A diameter, which is parallel to a tangent at one extremity of another diameter, is called a *conjugate diameter* to that other diameter.

256. A straight line, parallel to a tangent, at the extremity of any diameter, terminated at one extremity by that diameter and the curve at the other, is called an *ordinate* to that diameter.

257. The portion of a diameter between the centre and an ordinate, is called the *abscissa* of that ordinate, or of that diameter.

In the figure here annexed, the straight line, Aa , drawn through the centre, C , is a diameter; and, if ST be a tangent at A , and the diameter Bb be drawn parallel to ST , the diameter is called the *conjugate diameter* of Aa ; and PM , parallel to ST or Bb , is an *ordinate* to the diameter Aa ; and the distance CP , on the diameter Aa , is called the *abscissa*.

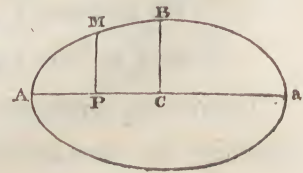


ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 2.

258. The square of the axis major is to that of the axis minor as the rectangle contained by the two parts of the axis major, from the ordinate to each vertex, to the square of the ordinate.

From the preceding theorem, $\gamma^2(a^2 - x^2) = y^2(a^2 - z^2)$.

Now let b represent the semi-axis minor, and let the ordinate γ become b , then will its abscissa, z , become zero, and, consequently, $\gamma^2(a^2 - x^2) = y^2(a^2 - z^2)$ will become $b^2(a^2 - x^2) = a^2 y^2$; whence $a^2 : b^2 :: a^2 - x^2 : y^2$.



259. COROLLARY 1.—Hence every ellipse has two focii at an equal distance from the centre; because $y^2 = \frac{b^2}{a^2}(a^2 - x^2)$.

260. COROLLARY 2.—Hence the tangent at either vertex of the curve is parallel to the ordinates; and, consequently, perpendicular to the axis major.

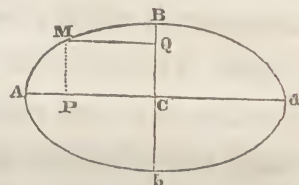
ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 3.

261. The square of the axis minor is to that of the axis major as the rectangle contained by the two parts of the axis minor, from the ordinate to the extremity of the axis minor, to the square of the ordinate.

For, by *theorem 2*, $a^2 y^2 = b^2 (a^2 - x^2)$

and, by transposition, . . . $b^2 x^2 = a^2 (b^2 - y^2)$

therefore, $b^2 : a^2 :: b^2 - y^2 : x^2$.

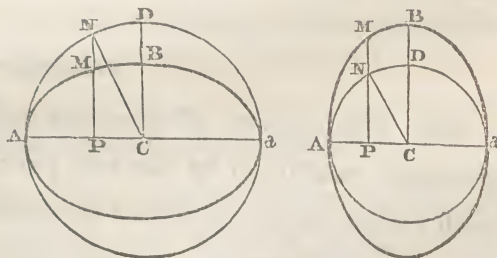


262. COROLLARY 1.—Hence the tangent at each extremity of the axis minor is parallel to the ordinates; and, consequently, parallel to the axis major.

263. COROLLARY 2.—Hence the axis major and minor are reciprocally conjugate diameters.

264. COROLLARY 3.—If a circle be described on either axis of an ellipse, an ordinate of the circle will be to the corresponding ordinate of the ellipse as the axis of this ordinate is to the other axis.

Let PM cut the inscribed circle in N, and let PM be produced to cut the circumscribing circle in N; in both cases let $CP = x$, $PM = y$, $PN = \gamma$, $CA = a$, and $CB = b$.



By *theorem 2*, (258,) $b^2 (a^2 - x^2) = a^2 y^2$,

and, by the right-angled triangle CPN, $\gamma^2 = a^2 - x^2$.

Therefore, multiplying these two equations, we have $b^2 \gamma^2 = a^2 y^2$, and extracting the root $b\gamma = ay$; wherefore $a : b :: \gamma : y$.

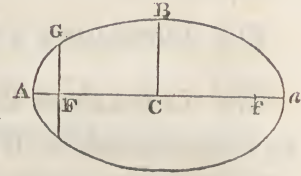
265. COROLLARY 4.—Hence any two corresponding ordinates of the circle and ellipse are in the same constant ratio of the two axes.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 4.

266. The square of the distance of the focus from the centre is equal to the difference of the squares of the semi-axes.

$$CF^2 = AC^2 - BC^2$$

Let the ordinate FG, which passes through the focus, be denoted by f , and CF, the distance of the focus from the centre, by ϵ .



Then, by the equation of co-ordinates . . . $a^2y^2 = b^2(a^2 - x^2)$

and, since (252) $AC : BC :: BC : FG$, . . $a^2f^2 = b^4$.

Now, in the first of these two equations, when the abscissa x becomes ϵ , the ordinate y will become f , and, consequently, $a^2f^2 = b^2(a^2 - \epsilon^2)$. Whence $b^4 = b^2(a^2 - \epsilon^2)$ or $b^2 = a^2 - \epsilon^2$; and, by transposition, $\epsilon^2 = a^2 - b^2$.

267. COROLLARY 1.—Hence, because $af = b^2$, therefore $af = a^2 - \epsilon^2$.

268. COROLLARY 2.—Hence $b^2 = a^2 - \epsilon^2 = a^2 - c^2a^2 = a^2(1 - c^2)$.

269. COROLLARY 3.—Because $a^2y^2 = b^2(a^2 - x^2)$ and that $b^2 = a^2(1 - c^2)$. Therefore, by substitution, there will arise $y^2 = (1 - c^2)(a^2 - x^2) = a^2 - x^2 - c^2a^2 + c^2x^2$.

270. COROLLARY 4.—The semi-conjugate axis CB is a mean proportional between AF, FB, or between Af, fB, the distances of either focus from the two vertices, for $b^2 = a^2 - \epsilon^2 = (a + \epsilon)(a - \epsilon)$.

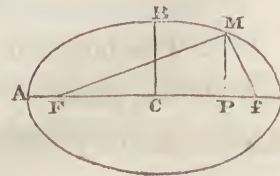
ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 5.

271. The sum of two lines drawn from the foci, to meet any point in the curve, is equal to the transverse axis.

Let FM = R, fM = r, FC = fC = ϵ = ca.

Then will FP = CF + CP = ca + x,

and fP = Cf - PC = ca - x.



By Geom. (160) . . . $FM^2 = PM^2 + FP^2$, $R^2 = y^2 + c^2 a^2 + 2cax + x^2$,

and, by *theorem 4, cor. 3*, $y^2 = a^2 - c^2 a^2 + c^2 x^2 - x^2$.

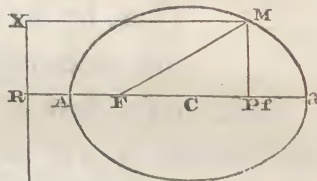
Wherefore, eliminating y , by adding these equations together, we have the equations $R^2 = a^2 + 2cax + c^2 x^2$.

Then, extracting the roots of each side of this equation, we have $R = a + cx$. In the same manner will be found $r = a - cx$; therefore $R + r = 2a$.

272. COROLLARY 1.—Hence $R = a + \frac{\epsilon}{a}x$, and $r = a - \frac{\epsilon}{a}x$, for $\epsilon = ca$ or $c = \frac{\epsilon}{a}$.

273. COROLLARY 2.—Because $R = a + \frac{\epsilon}{a}x$, we shall have $aR = a^2 + \epsilon x$; and, by transposition, $a(R - a) = \epsilon x$, hence $R - a : x :: \epsilon : a$.

274. COROLLARY 3.—Since the ratio of ϵ to a , or that CF to CA is constant, if we produce aA to R , and find the point R by making $CF : CA :: CA : CR$, and draw RX perpendicular to aR , and MX parallel to aR , and let $CR = d$; then will $R - a : x :: a : d$; wherefore $Rd - ad = ax$, or, by transposition, $Rd = ad + ax = a(d + x)$. Therefore $d + x : R :: d : a$; wherefore MX is to MF always in the constant ratio of CR to CA ; and hence we have another method of constructing the ellipse.



N.B. The line RX is called the directrix. Several writers make this the fundamental principle from which all the other properties emanate.

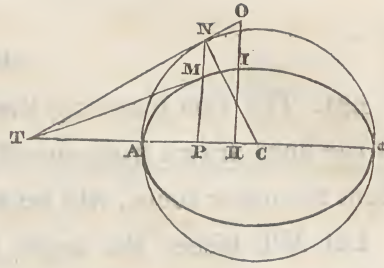
275. COROLLARY 4.—Hence $CR : CA :: aR : aF$; because, when the point M comes to a , the line MX or PR will become aR , and the radius vector, FM , will become Fa .

276. COROLLARY 5.—Hence $CA : CF :: aR : aF$.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 6.

277. The tangents from the corresponding points in the curves of a circle and ellipse, made by the prolongation of an ordinate of the ellipse, will meet the axis major produced in the same point T .

Let $AN\alpha$ be a circle described upon the axis major, and let PN be a tangent to the circle in N . Join TM ; then, if TM does not touch the ellipse, let it cut it in M, I ; and, through I , draw the ordinate HO , meeting the ellipse in I , the circle in L , and the tangent in O .



By similar triangles $\begin{cases} \text{TPM, THI} & \dots\dots\dots \text{TP} \times \text{HI} = \text{PM} \times \text{TH} \\ \text{TPN, THO} & \dots\dots\dots \text{PN} \times \text{TH} = \text{TP} \times \text{HO} \end{cases}$

and, by *theorem 3, cor. 4*, $\therefore \text{PN} : \text{PM} :: \text{HL} : \text{HI} \therefore \text{PM} \times \text{HL} = \text{PN} \times \text{HI}$.

Therefore, by multiplication, we shall find $\text{HL} = \text{HO}$, which is impossible; therefore TM does not cut the ellipse, and it must, in consequence, be a tangent at M .

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 7.

278. In the straight line, Ta , of the axis major, the semi-axis, CA , is a mean proportional between the abscissa, CP , and the distance, CT , from the centre to the intersection of the tangent.

For the triangle CNT (see the preceding diagram) is right-angled at N , since PN meets the circle at N ; and, because PN is perpendicular to TC , we shall have,

by the similar triangles PCN, NCT , $CP \times CT = CN^2$

and by the circle $CN^2 = CA^2$.

Therefore, by multiplication, $CP \times CT = CA^2$.

If $CT = u$, this conclusion, analytically expressed, is $ux = a^2$; or, if s be the subtangent, then will $u = s + x$; and, therefore, $(s + x)x = a^2$, that is, $sx + x^2 = a^2$.

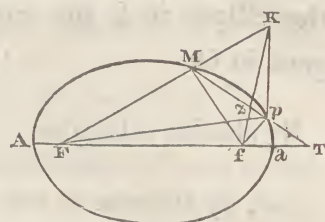
279. COROLLARY 1.—Whence, if z be any other abscissa, and S its subtangent, and if $s + z = v$, then $vz = a^2$; and, since $ux = a^2$, therefore $ux = vz$.

280.—COROLLARY 2.—When the abscissa becomes equal to the excentricity, x becomes ϵ ; and, consequently, $ux = a^2$ becomes $u\epsilon = a^2$, or $S\epsilon + \epsilon^2 = a^2$.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 8.

281. The line bisecting the angle at any point in the curve, formed by one of the lines drawn from one of the focii, and the prolongation of the line drawn from the other focus, will be a tangent to the curve.

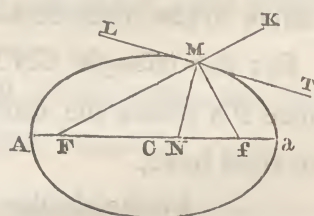
Let MT bisect the angle fMK ; then, if MT is not a tangent, it will cut the ellipse; let p be the point where it meets the curve, and, making $MK = Mf$, join fK , fp , Fp , Kp , and let MT cut Kf , in z .



Then, in the triangles fMz , KMz , fM being $= KM$, Mz common, and the included angles fMz , KMz , equal; the base fz is $= Kz$, and the angle $fzM = KzM$.

Again, in the triangles fpz , Kpz , fz being $= Kz$, pz common, and the angles fzp , Kzp , equal, the base fp is $= Kp$. Therefore $Fp + pK = Fp + pf = FM + Mf = FM + MK = FK$; wherefore the sum of the two sides, Fp , pK , of the triangle FpK , is equal to the third FK ; which is impossible; therefore as MT cannot cut the ellipse: it must be a tangent.

282. COROLLARY.—Hence, because the angle KMf is bisected, the angle FMf will also be bisected by the normal MN . For since the angle TMf is $= TMK$, and TMK equal to the opposite angle FML ; therefore TMf is $= FML$: and, because the angles TMN and LMN are each a right angle; therefore, taking away the angles TMf , LMF , which are equal, from the right angles TMN , LMN , there will remain the angle NMf equal to the angle NMF .

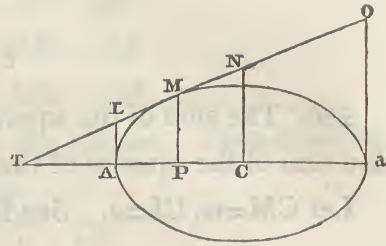


ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 9.

283. If there be any tangent meeting the four perpendiculars to the transverse axis, the one at the extremity of the transverse, next to the point of intersection, will be to that which terminates in the point of contact, as that which passes through the centre is to the remaining one at the other extremity of the transverse.

$$AL : PM :: CN : aO$$

Let $AL=k$, $PM=l$, $CN=m$, and $aO=n$. Then, if we can show that the distances TA , TP , TC , T , are four proportionals, AL , PM , CN , aO , being the homologous sides of similar triangles, will likewise be proportionals.

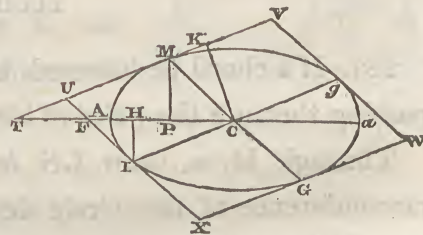


By *theorem 7*, (278,) $sa+x^2=a^2$; therefore, by transposition, $sa+x^2-a^2=0$; to each side of this equation add s^2+sx , and we have $s^2+2sx+x^2-a^2=s^2+sx$; that is, because $s^2+2sx+x^2$ is a complete square, and that $s^2+sx=s(s+x)$ $(s+x)^2-a^2=s(s+x)$, that is, $(s+x+a)(s+x-a)=s(s+x)$. Whence $s+x-a : s :: s+x : s+x+a$.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 10.

284. Every parallelogram, $UVWX$, circumscribing an ellipse, having its sides parallel to two conjugate diameters, is equal to the rectangle of the two axes.

If tangents be drawn at the extremities of two conjugate diameters, they form an ellipse, of which $CMUI$ is a fourth part.



Draw CK , perpendicular to MT . Let $Ct=v$, $TM=t$, $CI=n$, $CT=u$, $CK=p$, $PT=s$.

By *theorem 7*, (278)..... $a^2-x^2=sx$

and by *theorem 7*, cor. 1, (279) $ux=vs$

and by similar triangles $\begin{cases} tCI, CTM \dots vt=nu \\ ICH, MTP \dots ns=ts \end{cases}$

and by *theorem 2*, (258) $a^2\gamma^2=b^2(a^2-z^2)$

and by similar triangles, TCK, CIH $p^2n^2=u^2\gamma^2$

and by *theorem 7*, (278,) $u^2x^2=a^4$.

For, multiplying the first four equations, $a^2-x^2=z^2$; or, by transposition, $a^2-z^2=x^2$. Multiply this and the three remaining equations and $pn=ab$.

285. COROLLARY.—Hence $a^2=x^2+z^2$, and $b^2=y^2+\gamma^2$.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 11.

286. The sum of the squares of any pair of conjugate diameters is equal to the sum of the squares of the two axes.

Let $CM=m$, $CI=n$. See the preceding figure.

By theorem 10, cor. (285) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dots a^2 = x^2 + z^2 \\ \dots b^2 = y^2 + \gamma^2 \end{array} \right.$

and by Geometry, (160) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^2 + y^2 = m^2 \\ z^2 + \gamma^2 = n^2 \end{array} \right.$

Therefore, by adding these together, we have $a^2 + b^2 = m^2 + n^2$.

N.B. All these theorems concerning the Ellipse, and their demonstrations, are in the very same words as the corresponding number of those for the Hyperbola, next following; having sometimes only the word sum changed for the word difference.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 12.

287. If a chord be bisected, the tangent at the extremity of the diameter, passing through the point of bisection, will be parallel to that chord.

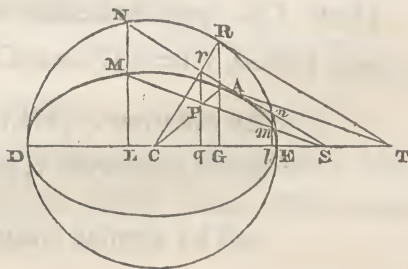
Through M , m , draw LN , ln , to meet the circumference of the circle described on the axis DE , in the points, N , n . Produce Mm and DE , to meet each other in S , and join Sn , SN , and let the chord Mm be bisected in P .

Then, because $Sl : lm :: SL : LM$

and $lm : ln :: LM : LN$

therefore eliminating LM , lm , $Sl : ln :: SL : LN$.

Therefore Sn and SN are in a straight line. Through P draw qr , meeting DE in q , and Nn in r ; then Nn is bisected in r . Join Cr , and produce it to meet the circumference in R , and draw the tangent RT , meeting DE produced in T ; then RT is parallel to NS . Draw RG , perpendicular to DE , meeting DE in G , and CA in A .



Then, because $LN : LM :: qr : qP$

$qr : qP :: GR : GA$

therefore $LN : LM :: GR : GA$

And, therefore, the point A is in the curve of the ellipse. Then drawing AT, AT is a tangent by the preceding proposition.

Now, because $CR : Cr :: CT : CS$

and $CR : Cr :: CA : CP$

therefore ... $CT : CS :: CA : CP$.

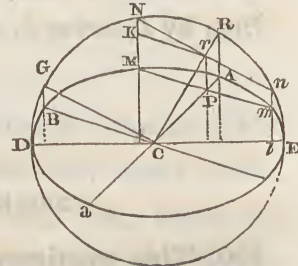
Therefore AT is parallel to Mm.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 13.

288. The rectangle of the squares of any semi-diameter, and of an ordinate to it, is equal to the rectangle of the square of the semi-conjugate and the difference of the squares of the semi-diameter of the abscissa, and of the abscissa itself.

$$CA^2 \times PM^2 = BC^2 \times (CA^2 - CP^2).$$

Draw rK parallel to PM , cutting MN in K , and draw CG parallel to Nn , cutting the circumference in G , and CB parallel to PM , cutting the ellipse in B , and join BG .



Let $CR=r$, $Cr=u$, $rN=rn=v$, $CA=a$, $CB=b$, $CP=x$, $PM=rK=y$.

By the equation of the circle..... $v^2=r^2-u^2$

By similar triangles, $\begin{cases} BCG, KrN & \dots\dots\dots r^2y^2=b^2v^2 \\ ACR, PCr & \dots\dots\dots rx^2=a^2u^2. \end{cases}$

Multiply the first and second equations together, and $r^2y^2=b^2r^2-b^2u^2$; or, by transposition, $b^2u^2=r^2(b^2-y^2)$. Multiply this and the third equation, and $b^2x^2=a^2(b^2-y^2)$; or, by transposition, $a^2y^2=b^2(a^2-x^2)$.

ELLIPSE.—THEOREM 14.

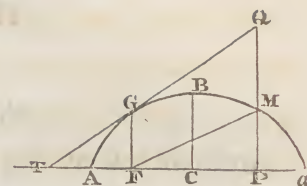
289. The semi-ordinate, together with its prolongation to meet a tangent at the extremity of a *latus rectum*, is equal to the *radius vector* through the same focus with that of the latus rectum.

$$FM=PQ.$$

Let $CT=u$, $PQ=v$, $PT=w$, and $FT=q$.

Then will $FT = CT - CF = u - \varepsilon = q$

and $PT = CT + CP = u + x = w$.



By notation $\begin{cases} u - \varepsilon = q \\ w = u + x \end{cases}$

and by *theorem 7, cor. 2*, $u\varepsilon = a^2$

and by *theorem 4, cor. 1*, $af = a^2 - \varepsilon^2$

and by similar triangles, TPQ , TFG , $qv = fw$.

Multiply the first and second of these equations by ε , and the results are $u\varepsilon - \varepsilon^2 = \varepsilon q$, and $w\varepsilon = u\varepsilon + \varepsilon x$. In each of these two equations, for $u\varepsilon$ substitute its equal a^2 from the second, and we have $a^2 - \varepsilon^2 = \varepsilon q$ and $w\varepsilon = a^2 + \varepsilon x$. Multiply these two equations, and the remaining two of the given equations, and the final result is $av = a^2 + \varepsilon x$, therefore $v = a + \frac{\varepsilon}{a}x$.

But, by *theorem 5*, we have $R = a + \frac{\varepsilon}{a}x$, therefore $R = v$.

OF THE HYPERBOLA.

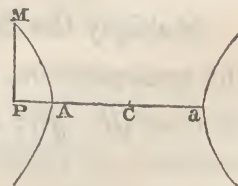
DEFINITIONS RELATIVE TO THE HYPERBOLA.

290. That portion of the primary line between the vertices of the two opposite curves, is called the *transverse axis*.

291. A straight line, drawn perpendicularly to the transverse axis, between the transverse axis and the curve, is called an *ordinate*.

292. The middle of the transverse axis is called the *centre of the figure*.

293. In the annexed diagram, Aa is the transverse axis, C , the middle of Aa , the centre; PM the ordinate, and CP the abscissa.



HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 1.

294. The squares of the ordinates of the axis are to each other as the rectangles of the two segments of the axis, from each ordinate to each of the two vertices of the opposite curves.

Let VRQ , passing through the common line of axis of two opposite cones, be a plane perpendicular to the cutting plane of the opposite sections; and let $AMII'M'$ be one of the sections, HA the common line of section of the two planes, and let HA cut the two conic surfaces in A, X ; then AX will be the primary axis; and let $OMNM'$ be a section of the cone parallel to its base, $RIQI'$.

Because the plane of the base, $RIQI'$, is perpendicular to the plane VRQ , the plane $OMNM'$ will also be perpendicular to the plane VRQ ; and, since each of the two planes $AMII'M'$, $RIQI'$, and $AMII'M'$, $OMNM'$, are perpendicular to the plane VRQ , their common sections II' , MM' , are perpendicular to the plane VRQ ; therefore II' , MM' , are perpendicular to the lines RQ , ON , AH , in the plane VRQ ; and, because the plane VRQ passes through the axis of the cone, it will divide all the circles parallel to the base into two equal parts; therefore RQ , ON , will be diameters of the two circles; and, since the chords II' , MM' , are at right angles to the diameters RQ , ON , the chords II' , MM' , will be bisected in H and P . Therefore $HI=HI'$, and $PM=PM'$.

Let $CA=CX=a$, $CP=CX=x$, $PM=y$, $CH=z$, $HI=\gamma$, $PN=t$, $PO=u$, $HQ=v$, and $HR=w$.

$$\text{Then } AP = CP - CA = x - a,$$

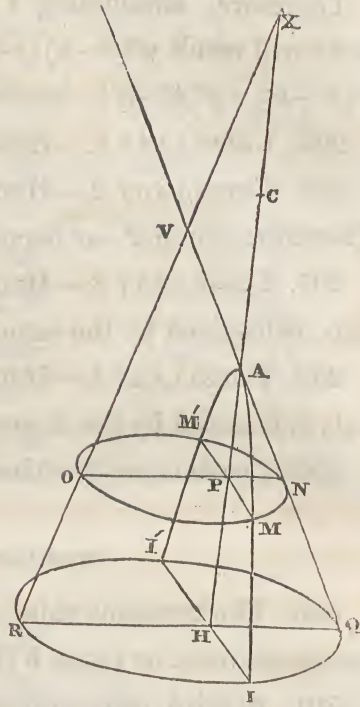
$$XP = CP + CX = x + a,$$

$$AH = CH - CA = z - a,$$

$$\text{and } XH = CH + CX = z + a.$$

$$\text{Now, by similar triangles, } \begin{cases} \triangle APN, \triangle AHQ \dots (x-a)v = t(z-a) \\ \triangle XPO, \triangle XHR \dots (a+x)w = u(z+a) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and, by the circle, } \dots \begin{cases} \dots QIRI' \dots \gamma^2 = vw \\ \dots NMOM' \dots tu = y^2. \end{cases}$$



Therefore, eliminating t, u, v, w , by multiplying the given equations, there will result $\gamma^2(x-a)(x+a) = y^2(z-a)(z+a)$, or, by actual multiplication, $\gamma^2(x^2 - a^2) = y^2(z^2 - a^2)$; therefore $\gamma^2 : y^2 :: (z-a)(z+a) : (x-a)(x+a)$.

295. COROLLARY 1.—Hence $\frac{\gamma^2}{z^2 - a^2} = \frac{y^2}{x^2 - a^2}$ is a constant quantity.

296. COROLLARY 2.—Hence if z be made constant, γ will be constant also. Therefore, when $z^2 - a^2$ becomes a^2 , let $\gamma = b$, and, consequently, $\frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{y^2}{x^2 - a^2}$.

297. COROLLARY 3.—Hence every chord, perpendicular to the transverse axis, is bisected by the same axis.

298. COROLLARY 4.—Hence the tangent at the extremity of the transverse axis is bisected by the transverse axis.

299. COROLLARY 5.—Hence $ay^2 = b^2(x^2 - a^2) = b^2x^2 - a^2b^2$.

HYPERBOLA.—DEFINITIONS, CONTINUED.

300. The constant value b of γ , when $z^2 - a^2$ becomes a^2 , is called the *semi-conjugate axis*, or twice b the *conjugate axis*.

301. A third proportional to the transverse and conjugate axes, is called the *parameter*, or *latus rectum*.

Thus a and b being the semi-transverse and semi-conjugate axes, $2a : 2b :: 2b : p$, the parameter; therefore, $ap = 2b^2$, or if $f = \frac{1}{2}p$, we shall have $af = b^2$, therefore $f = \frac{b^2}{a}$.

302. That point in the axis cut by an ordinate which is equal to half the parameter is called the *focus*.

303. If there be two opposite hyperbolas, and two others having the same centre, and their common line of axis at right angles to that of the two former, the transverse equal to the conjugate of the two former, and the conjugate equal to the transverse of the two former; these four hyperbolas are called *conjugate hyperbolas*.

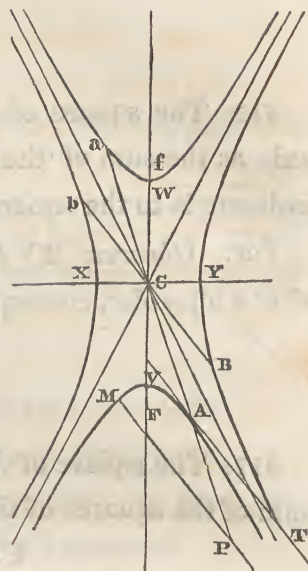
304. Any straight line, drawn through the centre, and terminated by opposite curves, is called a *diameter*.

A diameter which is parallel to a tangent, at the extremity of another diameter, is called a *conjugate diameter* to that other diameter.

305. A straight line, parallel to a tangent, meeting the diameter in one extremity, and the curve in the other, is called an *ordinate* to that diameter.

306. The distance between the centre and an ordinate is called the *abscissa*.

In the diagram here annexed, the straight line Aa, drawn through the centre, C, is a diameter; and, if AT is a tangent at A, then Bb, parallel to AT, passing through the centre C, is the conjugate diameter; PM parallel to AT, is the ordinate to Aa, and CP is the abscissa.



HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 2.

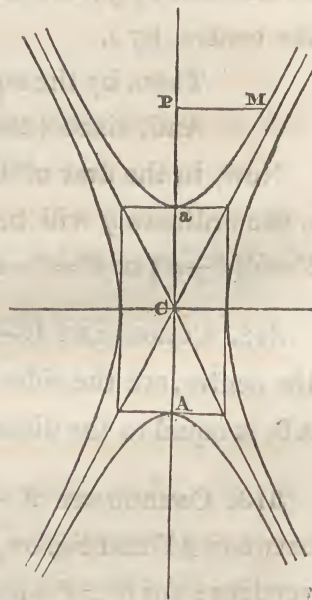
307. The square of the transverse axis is to the square of the conjugate axis as the rectangle of the two distances from the ordinate to the vertex of each curve.

$$CA^2 : CB^2 :: PA \times Pa : PM.$$

$$\text{For } \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{y^2}{x^2 - a^2} = \frac{y^2}{(x-a)(x+a)}$$

$$\text{Therefore } a^2 : b^2 :: (x-a)(x+a) : y^2.$$

308. COROLLARY 1.—Hence every pair of opposite hyperbolas has two focii at an equal distance from the centre; because $y^2 = \frac{b^2}{a^2}(a^2 - x^2)$: and, since the origin of the abscissa commences at the centre, therefore the ordinate y must be the same at the same distance on each side of the centre.



309. COROLLARY 2.—Hence the tangent at the vertex of either curve is parallel to the ordinates, and, consequently, perpendicular to the transverse axis.

HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 3.

310. The square of the conjugate axis is to the square of the transverse axis, as the sum of the squares of the semi-conjugate axis; and that of the ordinate is to the square of the abscissa as $CB^2 : CA^2 :: CB^2 + PM^2 : CP^2$.

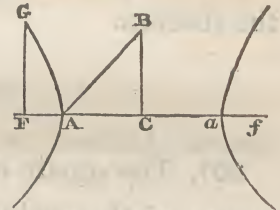
For, (*theorem 2*.) $a^2 y^2 = b^2 x^2 - a^2 b^2$; and, therefore, by transposition, $a^2(y^2 + b^2) = b^2 x^2$, consequently, $b^2 : a^2 :: y^2 + b^2 : x^2$. (See *figure, theorem 2*.)

HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 4.

311. The square of the distance of the focus from the centre is equal to the sum of the squares of the two axes.

$$CF^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$$

Let the ordinate FG, which passes through the focus, be denoted by f , and CF, the distance of the focus from the centre, by ϵ .



Then, by the equation of the co-ordinates, $\dots a^2 y^2 = b^2(x^2 - a^2)$.

And, since (301) $\dots a^2 f^2 = b^4$.

Now, in the first of these equations, when the abscissa x becomes equal to ϵ , the ordinate y will become f ; and, consequently, $a^2 f^2 = b^2(\epsilon^2 - a^2)$; whence, $b^4 = b^2(\epsilon^2 - a^2)$ or $b^2 = \epsilon^2 - a^2$, and, by transposition, $\epsilon^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

312. COROLLARY 1.—The two semi-axes, and the distance of a focus from the centre, are the sides of a right-angled triangle, ACB, and the hypotenuse, AB, is equal to the distance of the focus from the centre.

313. COROLLARY 2.—The conjugate axis, CB, is a mean proportional between AF and Fa, or fa, fA , the distances between either focus and the two vertices; for $b^2 = \epsilon^2 - a^2 = (\epsilon - a)(\epsilon + a)$.

314. COROLLARY 3.—Hence, if $\epsilon = ca$, then will $y^2 = a^2 - x^2 + c^2 x^2 - c^2 a^2$; for, (*theorem 2*.) $a^2 y^2 = b^2(x^2 - a^2)$. But, by this theorem, we have $b^2 = \epsilon^2 - a^2$; then, multiplying these two equations, we have $a^2 y^2 = (\epsilon^2 - a^2)(x^2 - a^2)$; or, substituting ca for ϵ , we shall have $y^2 = (c^2 - 1)(x^2 - a^2) = a^2 - x^2 + c^2 x^2 - c^2 a^2$.

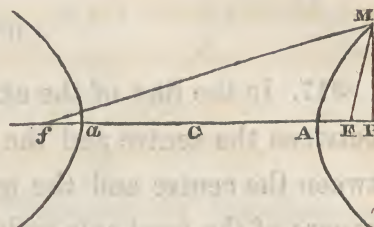
HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 5.

315. The difference of two lines, drawn from the focii to meet any point in the curve, is equal to the transverse axis.

Let $FM = R$, $fM = r$, $FC = fC = \epsilon = ca$.

Then will $FP = CP + CF = x + ca$,

and $fP = CP - Cf = x - ca$.



By Geometry, (*prop.* 62,) .. $FM^2 = PM^2 + FP^2$, $R^2 = y^2 + x^2 + 2acx + c^2a^2$.

And, by *theorem* 4, *cor.* 3, (314) $y^2 = a^2 - x^2 + c^2x^2 - c^2a^2$,

wherefore, eliminating y , by adding these equations together, we have the equation $R^2 = c^2x^2 + 2acx + a^2$.

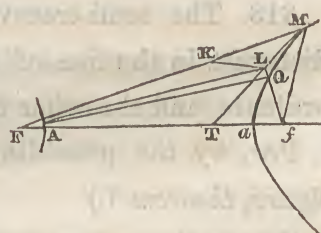
then, extracting the roots of each side of this equation, we have $R = cx + a = \frac{c}{a}x + a$. In like manner will be found $r = cx - a = \frac{c}{a}x - a$; therefore $R - r = 2a$.

HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 6.

316. The line bisecting the angle, at any point in the curve formed by the two lines drawn from that point to each focus, is a tangent.

The tangent MT at M will bisect the angle FMf .

In MF take $MK = Mf$, and in MT take any point L ; join fL , and let it meet the curve in Q ; join also KL , FL , FQ . Then, by hypothesis, the angle $KML = fML$, $KM = fM$, and LM is common, the base LK is $=Lf$; but the difference of any two sides of a triangle is less than the third;* therefore $FL - LK$, or $FL - Lf$, is less than FK , or Ff , or $FM - fM$, or $FQ - fQ$. Hence fL is greater than fQ ; for, since $FL - fL$ is less than $FQ - fQ$, if fL were less than fQ , $FL + LQ$



* It is shown by every writer of Elementary Geometry, that the sum of every two sides of a triangle are greater than the third. Let a, b, c , be the three sides of a triangle; then, $a + b > c$, $a + c > b$, $b + c > a$: therefore, by transposition, $a > c - b$, $a > b - c$, $b > c - a$, $b > a - c$, $c > b - a$, $c > a - b$.

N.B. $>$ signifies greater than.

would be less than FQ; which is impossible. Therefore every point, L, in MT, except M, is without the curve of the hyperbola; and MT touches it at M.

HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 7.

317. In the line of the axis major, the rectangle contained by the distance between the centre and the intersection of the tangent, and the distance between the centre and the ordinate, is equal to the square of the semi-axis major.

Let $CT = u$.

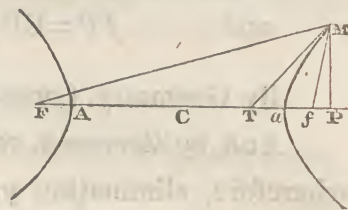
Then will $FT = CF + CT = \varepsilon + u$.

and $fT = Cf - CT = \varepsilon - u$.

By theorem 5, (315,) $\begin{cases} R = \frac{c}{a}x + a \\ \frac{c}{a}x - a = r \end{cases}$

and by Geometry, (theorem 57,) $r(\varepsilon + u) = R(\varepsilon - u)$.

Multiplying these three equations together, we have $ux = a^2$.



HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 8.

318. The semi-transverse axis is a mean proportional between the two distances in the line of the transverse axis; the one from the centre to the ordinate, and the other from the centre to the intersection of the tangent.

For, by the preceding proposition, $ux = a^2$, therefore $x : a :: a : u$. (See figure, theorem 7.)

Or, if the subtangent $PT = s$, then will $CT = CP - PT = x - s$. Whence $(x - s)x = a^2$ or $x^2 - sx = a^2$; expressed as in the same proposition of the ellipse.

HYPERBOLA.—THEOREM 9.

319. If there be any tangent, and four perpendiculars to the line of axis, contained between the tangent and the line of axis, the rectangle under two, which passes through the vertices, will be equal to the rectangle of the third, which passes through the centre, and the fourth which is the ordinate.

Because $CP = x$, and $CA = a$, $AP = PD = x - a$, and aP equal to $x + a$; therefore PN is a mean proportional between $x + a$ and $x - a$, or between aP and PD ; but, in the hyperbola, the transverse axis is to the conjugate as the mean proportion between $x + a$, and $x - a$ to the ordinate y or PM ; but AR is divided in Q , in the same ratio as PN is in N . Therefore $PN : PM :: AR : AQ$. That is, as the mean proportional between $x + a$, and $x - a$ is to the ordinate PM , so is the semi-transverse axis to the semi-conjugate axis.

OF THE PARABOLA.

DEFINITIONS RELATIVE TO THE PARABOLA.

321. That portion of the primary line which is within the curve, and which is terminated at one extremity by the vertex, is called the *axis*.

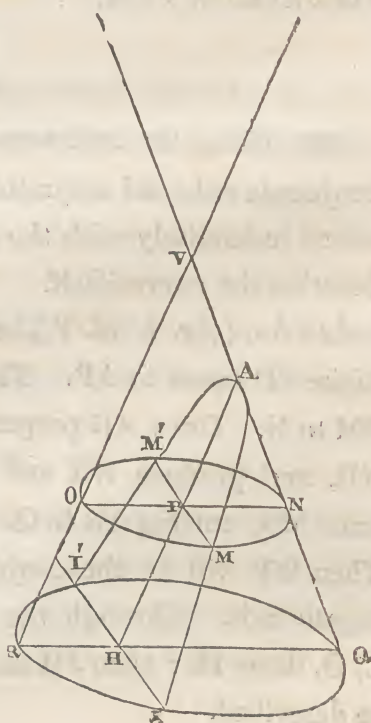
322. A straight line, drawn perpendicularly to the axis, between it and the curve, is called an *ordinate*.

PARABOLA.—THEOREM 1.

323. The squares of the ordinates of the axis are to each other as their distances from the vertex.

Let VRQ be a plane, passing through the axis of the cone, perpendicular to the cutting plane of the section $AMII'M'$; and let AH be their common section; then AH will be the axis. Let $QIRI'$ be a section of the cone parallel to the base:

Then, because the base $RIQI'$ is perpendicular to the plane VRQ , the two sections $AMII'M'$, $OMNM'$, are perpendicular to the plane VRQ ; therefore their common sections, MM' , II' , are also perpendicular to VRQ and to the lines AH , RQ , ON ; but, because the plane VRQ passes through the axis of the cone, it will divide every circle pa-



parallel to the base into two equal parts; therefore ON is a diameter of the circle OMNM'; and, because the chords MM', II', are perpendicular to the diameters RQ, ON, they will be bisected; let H be the point of bisection in II', and P the point of bisection in MM'.

324. Let $AP=x$, $PM=y$, $AH=z$, $HI=\gamma$, $HQ=v$, $HR=OP=w$, and $PN=t$.

By similar triangles, .. APN , AHQ $vz=tz$

and, by the circle, QIR $\gamma^2=vw$

and, by the circle, NMO $tw=y^2$.

By multiplying these equations, the result will be $x\gamma^2=zy^2$. Therefore $x : z :: y^2 : \gamma^2$.

325. COROLLARY 1.—Hence $\frac{y^2}{x} = \frac{\gamma^2}{z}$.

326. COROLLARY 2.—Hence, because $\frac{y^2}{x} = \frac{\gamma^2}{z}$, whatever may be the values of x, z, y, γ , therefore $\frac{y^2}{x}$ or $\frac{\gamma^2}{z}$ is a constant quantity: hence, putting $\frac{y^2}{x} = \frac{1}{2}p$; therefore $y^2 = \frac{1}{2}px$.

PARABOLA.—DEFINITIONS, CONTINUED.

327. The constant quantity p is called the *parameter* or *latus rectum*.

328. COROLLARY.—Hence the parameter is a third proportional to the distance of the ordinate from the vertex, and the ordinate itself; for $2x : 2y :: 2y : p$, or $px=2y^2$, that is, $y^2=\frac{1}{2}px$.

THE THREE CURVES OF THE CONIC SECTIONS.—PROBLEM.

329. The vertical section of a right cone being given, and the position of the axis of a conic section, to describe that section.

Let AVB, (*fig. 2*, *pl. V*.) be the section of a cone through its axis; let ig be the line of the axis, and let it cut the section AVB at h , and the opposite side BV, produced, at g . On gh describe the semi-circle $hqsg$. Draw Vp parallel to AB, cutting the axis in p . Bisect hg in r , and draw pq, rs , perpendicular to hg . Make pw equal to pV ; then, with the transverse axis, hg , and the ordinate, pw , describe the ellipse $hwtg$, cutting rs at t ; then rt is the semi-conjugate axis.

In *fig. 3*, *pl. V*, draw the line aA , for the transverse axis, equal to gh , *fig. 5*; and bisect Aa in C , the centre. Through A draw DE , perpendicular to Aa ;

make AD and AE each equal to rt , *fig. 2*. Through C and D draw JH, and through C and E draw IK; then JH and IK are the assymtotes.

Draw any line, ai , cutting the assymtote IK at h , and the assymtote JH at g . Make hi equal to ag , and i will be a point in the curve. In the same manner we may find as many more points as we please.

Let the axis be cf , *fig. 2*, cutting the sides of the section AV, BV, at c and f . Draw cd , ef , parallel to AB, cutting AV at e and BV at d .

In *fig. 4*, draw AB equal to cf , *fig. 2*. Bisect AB in C. Make CF, C*f*, each equal to the half of df , or the half of ce ; then, with the transverse axis AB, and foci F, *f*, describe the ellipse ADBE.

Again, in *fig. 2*, let the axis be mn , and let mn be parallel to the side AV of the vertical section, cutting the base AB at m , and the side BV at n . On AB describe the semi-circle AOB, and draw mO perpendicular to AB.

In the straight line AA', *fig. 5*, take any point, D, and make DA, DA' each equal to mO , *fig. 2*. Draw DC, perpendicular to AA', and make DC equal to mn , *fig. 2*. Then, with the abscissa AB, and ordinates DA, DA', describe the curve ACA', which will be the parabola.

CHAPTER II.

CARPENTRY.

CARPENTRY is the art of applying timber in the construction of buildings.

The **CUTTING OF THE TIMBERS**, and adapting them to their various situations, so that one of the sides of every timber may be arranged according to some given surface, as indicated in the designs of the architect, requires profound skill in geometrical construction.

For this purpose it is necessary, not only to be expert in the common problems, generally given in a course of practical geometry, but to have a thorough knowledge of the sections of solids and their coverings. Of these subjects, the first has already been explained in the series of Problems given in the geometrical part of this Work, and we are now about to treat on the other; that is, the **METHOD OF COVERING** them.

As no line can be formed on the edge of a single piece of timber, so as to arrange with a given surface, nor in the intersection of two surfaces, (by workmen called a *groin*,) without a complete understanding of both, the reader is required not to pass them until the operations are perfectly familiar to his mind. For the more effectually rivetting the principles upon the mind of the student, it is requested that he should *model* them as he proceeds, and apply the sections and coverings found on the paper to the real sections and surfaces, by bending them around the solid.

The **SURFACES**, which timbers are required to form, are those of *cylinders*, *cylindroids*, *cones*, *cuneoids*, *spheres*, *ellipsoids*, &c., either entire, or as terminated by cylinders, cylindroids, cones, and cuneoids.

The FORMATION of ARCHES, GROINS, NICHES, ANGLE-BRACKETS, LUNETTES, ROOFS, &c. depend entirely upon their *Sections*, or upon their *Covering*, or upon both.

This branch of carpentry, from its being subjected to geometrical rules, and described in schemes or diagrams upon a floor, sufficiently large for all the parts of the operation, has been called DESCRIPTIVE CARPENTRY.

In order to prepare the reader's mind for this subject, it will be necessary to point out the figures of the sections, as taken in certain positions.

ALL THE SECTIONS OF A CYLINDER, parallel to its base, are *circles*. All the sections of a cylinder, parallel to its axis, are *parallelograms*. And, if the axis of the cylinder be perpendicular to its base, all these parallelograms will be *rectangles*. If a cylinder be entirely cut through the curved surface, and if the section is not a circle, it is an *ellipse*.

ALL THE SECTIONS OF A CONE, parallel to its base, are *circles*: all the sections of a cone, passing through its vertex, are *triangles*: all the sections of a cone, which pass entirely through the curved surface, and which are not circles, are *ellipses*: all the sections of a cone, which are parallel to one of its sides, are denominated *parabolas*; and all the sections of a cone, which are parallel to any line within the solid, passing through the vertex, are denominated *hyperbolas*.

ALL THE SECTIONS OF A SPHERE or GLOBE, made plane, are *circles*.

The solid formed by a SEMI-ELLIPSE, revolving upon one of its axes, is termed an *ellipsoid*.

ALL THE SECTIONS OF AN ELLIPSOID are similar figures: those sections, perpendicular to the fixed axis, are circles; and those parallel thereto are similar to the generating figure

OF THE COVERINGS OF SOLIDS.

PROBLEM 1.

To find the covering of the frustum of a right cone.

Let ABCD (*fig. 1, pl. VII.*) be the generating section of the frustum. On BC describe the semi-circle BEC, and produce the sides BA and CD, of the generating section ABCD, to meet each other in F. From the centre F, with the radius FA, describe the arc AH; and, from the same centre, F, with the radius FB, describe the arc BG; divide the arc, BEC, of the semi-circle, into any number of equal parts; the more, the greater truth will result from the operation; repeat the chord of one of these equal arcs upon the arc BG, as often as the arc BEC contains equal parts; then, through G, the extremity of the last part, draw GF, cutting the arc AH at H; then will ABGH be the covering required.

PROBLEM 2.

To find the covering of the frustum of a right cone, when cut by two concentric cylindric surfaces, perpendicular to the generating section.

Let ABCD (*fig. 2, pl. VII.*) be the given section, and AD, BC, the line on which the cylindric surface stands. Find the arc BG, as before, in *problem 1*, and mark the points, 1, 2, 3, &c. of division, both in the arc BG, and in the semi-circumference; from the points 1, 2, 3, &c. draw lines to F; also from the points 1, 2, 3, &c. in the semi-circumference, draw lines perpendicular to BC; so that each line thus drawn may meet or cut it. From the points of division in BC, draw more lines to F, cutting the arc BC in *a, b, c*, &c. From the points *a, b, c*, &c. draw lines parallel to BC, to cut the side BA: from the centre F, through each point of section in BA, describe an arc, cutting the lines drawn from each of the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in BG, at *a, b, c*, &c.; then will BeG be the curve, which will cover the line BC on the plan, or BC will be the seat of the line BeG.

In the same manner AH, the original of the line AD, will be found; and, consequently, BeGHA will form the covering over the given seat, ABCD, as required to be done.

PROBLEM 3.

To find the covering of a right cylinder.

Let ABCD (*fig. 3, pl. VII,*) be the seat or generating section. Produce the sides DA and CB to H and G, and on BC describe a semi-circle, and make the straight line BG equal to the semi-circumference: draw GH parallel to AB, and AH parallel to BG; then will ABGH be the covering required.

PROBLEM 4.

To find the covering of a right cylinder contained between two parallel planes, perpendicular to the generating section (*fig. 4, pl. VII*).

Through the point B draw IK, perpendicular to AB, and produce DC to K; on BK describe a semi-circle, and make BI equal to the length of the arc of the semi-circle, by dividing it into equal parts, and extending them on the line BI. Through the points of section, 1, 2, 3, &c., in the line BI, draw lines, 1*a*, 2*b*, 3*c*, &c., parallel to BA, and through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in the arc of the semi-circle, draw the other lines 1*a*, 2*b*, 3*c*, &c., parallel to BA, cutting AD in *a*, *b*, *c*, &c. Draw *aa*, *bb*, *cc*, &c., parallel to BK; then, through the points, *a*, *b*, *c*, &c., draw the curve AH, and AH will be the edge of the covering over AD.

In the same manner the other opposite edge BG will be found, and the whole covering will therefore be ABGH.

PROBLEM 5.

ABCD (*fig. 5, pl. VII,*) being the seat of the covering of a semi-cylindric surface, contained between the surfaces of two other concentric cylinders, of which the axis is perpendicular to the given seat; it is required to find the covering.

Through B draw IK, perpendicular to AB; and produce DC to K. On BK describe a semi-circle, and divide its circumference into equal parts, at the points 1, 2, 3, &c.; the more of these the truer will be the operation; and repeat the chord on the straight line BI, as often as the arc contains equal parts, and mark the points 1, 2, 3, &c., of division. Through the points

1, 2, 3, &c., in the arc of the semi-circle, draw the lines $1a$, $2b$, $3c$, &c., parallel to BA; and, through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in BI, draw lines $1a$, $2b$, $3c$, &c., parallel to BA. Draw aa , bb , cc , &c., parallel to KI, and through all the points a , b , c , &c., draw the curve line AH, which is one of the edges of the covering.

In the same manner the other edge BG will be found; and, consequently, the whole covering ABGH.

PROBLEM 6.

To find the covering of that portion of a semi-cylinder contained between two concentric surfaces of two other cylinders, the axis of these cylinders being perpendicular to ABCD (*fig. 6, pl. VII*).

Join BC, and, in this case, BC will be perpendicular to AB. Produce CB to G; and, on BC, describe a semi-circle. Divide the arc of the semi-circle into any number of equal parts, and extend the chords upon the straight line BG, marking the points of section both in the semi-circle and in the straight line BG. Through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in the arc of the semi-circle, draw lines $1a$, $2b$, $3c$, &c., parallel to AB; and through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in BG, draw the lines $1a'$, $2b'$, $3c'$, &c., parallel to AB; also draw aa' , bb' , cc' , &c., parallel to BG, and, through the points a , b , c , &c., draw a curve, which will form one of the edges of the soffit; the opposite edge is formed in the same manner.

GROINS AND ARCHES.

GROINS are the intersections of the surfaces of two arches crossing each other.

CONSTRUCTION OF GROINED ARCHES.

GROINED ARCHES may be either formed of wood, and lathed over for plaster, or be constructed of brick or stone.

When constructed of brick or stone, they require to be supported upon wooden frames, boarded over, so as to form the convex surface, which each

vault is required to have, in order to sustain the cross arches during the time of turning them. This construction is called a *CENTRE*, and is removed when the work is finished. The framing consists of equidistant ribs, fixed in parallel planes, perpendicular to the axis of each body; so that, when the under sides of the boards are laid on the upper edges of the ribs, and fixed, the upper sides of the boards will form the surface required to build upon.

In the construction of the centering for groins, one portion of the centre must be completely formed to the surface of its corresponding vault, without any regard to the cross-arches, so that the upper sides of the boards will form a complete cylindric or cylindroidic surface. The ribs of the cross-vaults are then set at the same equal distances as that now described; and parts of ribs are fixed on the top of the boarding at the same distances, and boarded in, so as to intersect the other, and form the entire surface of the groin required.

Groins constructed of wood, in place of brick or stone, and lathed under the ribs, and the lath covered with plaster, are called *plaster-groins*.

PLASTER-GROINS are always constructed with diagonal ribs intersecting each other, then other ribs are fixed perpendicular to each axis, in vertical planes, at equal distances, with short portions of ribs upon the diagonal ribs; so that, when lathed over, the lath may be equally stiff to sustain the plaster.

When the axis and the surface of a semi-cylinder cuts those of another of greater diameter, the hollow surface of the lesser cylinder, as terminated by the greater cylinder, is called a *cylindro-cylindric arch*, and, vulgarly, a *Welsh groin*.

CYLINDRO-CYLINDRIC ARCHES, or *Welsh groins*, are constructed either of brick, stone, or wood. If constructed of brick or stone, they require to have centres, which are formed in the same manner as those for groins; and, if constructed of wood, lath, and plaster, the ribs must be formed to the surfaces.

In the construction of groins, and of cylindro-cylindric arches, the ribs that are shorter than the whole width are termed *jack-ribs*.

Cellars are frequently groined with brick or stone, and sometimes all the rooms of the basement stories of buildings, in order to render their superstructures proof against fire. The surfaces of brick or stone, on which the first arch stones, or course of bricks, are placed, are called the *springing of the arches*. It is evident that the more weight that is put on the side-walls, which sustain arches, the more will they be able to sustain the pressure of the arches; therefore the higher a wall is, the greater the weight will be on each of the side-walls; and for this reason groins are often constructed of wood in upper stories, instead of brick or stone, as not being liable to thrust out the walls, or bulge them, by the lateral pressure of the arches. The upper stories of buildings are never groined with stone or brick, unless when the walls are sufficiently thick to sustain the lateral pressure of the arches. The ceilings of Gothic buildings were frequently constructed with groined arches of stone, which were obliged to be supported with buttresses, at the springing points of the arches.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 1. (*fig. 1, pl. VIII.*)

Given the plan of a rectangular groined arch or vault, of which the openings are of different widths, but of the same height, and a section of one of the arches, as also the seats of the groins, to find the covering of both arches, so as to meet their intersection.

In *fig. 1, pl. VIII*, let A, A, A, &c., be the plan of the piers, and *ab, cd*, the seats of the groins.*

Let the section of the arch, standing upon the lesser opening, BC, be a semi-circle: it is required to find the section upon the greater opening and the ends of the boards, so as to meet the groin, or line of intersection, of the two surfaces.

* The difference between the *plan* of any body and the *seat* of a point or line is distinguished thus: The *plan* is a figure upon which a solid is carried up, so that all sections, parallel to the plan, are equal and similar to that plan, and the surfaces are perpendicular; but the *seat* of a line is not in contact with the line itself; but a perpendicular erected from any point in the seat will pass through its corresponding point of the line itself.

On the diameter BC describe a semi-circle, and divide the quadrant into any number of equal parts, *ef, fg, gh, &c.*, and from the points *e, f, g, &c.*, draw lines, parallel to the axis *Fk*, to meet the seat *ab* of the groined line, or line of intersection of the two surfaces. From the points *k, l, m, &c.* of intersection, draw the lines *kQ, lR, mS, &c.*, parallel to the axis of the other vault, to meet the line *VQ*, perpendicular to that other axis in the points *Q, R, S, &c.* Then, upon any line, *DE*, transfer the points *Q, R, S, &c.* to *q, r, s, &c.*, and draw *qv, rw, sx, &c.* perpendicular to *DE*, and transfer the ordinates *Fe, Gf, Hg, &c.*, of the semi-circle, to *qv, rw, sx, &c.*, and through the points *v, w, x, &c.* draw a curve; then *qvE* will be half of the section required.

To find the covering of the semi-cylinder. Upon any straight line, *YZ*, No. 2, set off the distances *lm, mn, no, &c.*, each equal to the chord *ef* or *fg, &c.*, in No. 1; and draw *lK, mL, nM, &c.*, in No. 2, perpendicular to *YZ*. Make *lK, mL, nM, &c.*, No. 2, equal to *Lk, Ml, Nm, &c.*, of No. 1, and through the points *K, L, M, &c.*, No. 2, draw a curve. Then will the figure *KlZ* be half of the covering of the cylinder.

To construct the covering, No. 3, for the great opening.

In the straight line *vq*, No. 3, make *vu, ut, ts, &c.*, equal to the parts, *Ex, zy, yx, &c.*, of the elliptic curve, No. 1. In No. 3, draw *vB, uO, tN, sM, &c.*, and make *vB, uO, tN, sM, &c.*, No. 3, equal *Vb, Uo, Tn, Sm, &c.*, No. 1; and in No. 3, draw a curve through the points *B, O, N, M, &c.*; then *qvBKq* will be the covering required.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 2. (*fig. 2, pl. VIII.*)

To find the groin of a cylindro-cylindric arch.

Let *A, A, A, A*, be the plans of four piers, which form the openings of different widths. On the lesser opening *PM*, as a diameter, describe a semi-circle. Divide the quadrant next to *P* into any number of equal parts, and through the points of section draw the lines *1G, 2H, 3I, &c.*, perpendicular to *PM*, cutting *PM* in *B, C, D, &c.*, and through the same points *1, 2, 3, &c.*, draw the lines *1a, 2b, 3c, &c.*, parallel to *PM*, cutting a line *qe* perpendicular to *PM* in the points *a, b, c*; produce the line which contains the points *a, b, c*,

through the greater opening; and upon the part of the line thus produced, which is intercepted between the piers A, A, describe a semi-circle. Produce the line MP to *k*, and from *q* describe arcs *af*, *bg*, *ch*, &c., cutting B*k* in the points *f*, *g*, *h*, &c. Draw *fk*, *gl*, *hm*, &c., parallel to the base of the greater semi-circle, to cut the arc of the same in the points, *k*, *l*, *m*, &c. From the points *k*, *l*, *m*, &c., draw the lines *kG*, *lH*, *mI*, &c., parallel to PM; then, through the points G, H, I, K, L, draw a curve GHIKL, which will be the seat of the groin.

The covering to coincide with the groin is shown at No. 1. Draw *pm*, No. 1, and make *pb*, *bc*, *cd*, &c., each equal to P1; 1, 2; 2, 3, &c., in the semi-circular arc. In No. 1, draw *pq*, *bg*, *ch*, &c., respectively equal to BG, CH, DI, &c., and through the points *q*, *g*, *h*, *i*, &c., draw a curve; then will *pqnm* be the covering required.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 3. (*fig. 3, pl. VIII.*)

To find the diagonal or groin-rib of a VAULT, of which the lesser openings are semi-circles, and the groins, in vertical planes, passing through the diagonals of the piers.

On *ah*, (*fig. 3, pl. VIII.*) the perpendicular distance between two adjacent piers of the lesser opening, describe a semi-circle, *abh*; and, in the arc, take 1, 2, 3, &c., any number of points, and draw the lines *1l*, *2m*, *3n*, &c., cutting the diagonal *ik*, in *l*, *m*, *n*, &c. Draw, as before, *lq*, *mr*, *ns*, &c., perpendicular to *ik*, and through the points *i*, *q*, *r*, *s*, &c. draw a curve; then *iuk* will be the edge of the rib to be placed in the groin.

The edge of the rib, for the other opening, will be found thus: From the points *l*, *m*, *n*, &c., draw the lines, *lI*, *mK*, *nL*, &c., parallel to the axis of the opening of the larger body, cutting HB at the points C, D, E, &c. Make CI DK, EL, &c., each equal to *c1*, *d2*, *e3*, &c.; then, through the points B, I, K, L, &c., draw a curve; and the line thus drawn will be in the surface of the greater opening, so that BNH will be one of the ribs of the body-range.

The method of placing the ribs is exhibited at the lower end of the diagram, *fig. 3*, the ribs of each opening being placed perpendicular to the axis of each groin.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 4. (*fig. 4, pl. VIII.*)

To find the groined and side ribs of a LUNETTE, where the groined ribs are in vertical planes upon the straight lines *ag, gl*, (*fig. 4, pl. VIII.*) the principal arch being a semi-circle.

Let AC be the base of one of the principal arches, perpendicular to one of the sides of the main vault, the points A and C being in the same range with those sides. Let *mq* be the opening of one of the lunette windows. From the point *g*, the meeting of the two seats of each groin, draw *gr* perpendicular to *mq*, cutting *mq* at *n*; draw *g3* parallel to *mq*, cutting the semi-circular arc ABC at 3. Between A and 3 take any number of intermediate points, 1, 2, &c., and, through the points 1, 2, &c., thus assumed, draw *1e, 2f*, &c., cutting the seat *ag*, of the first groin, in the points *e, f*, &c., and AC in *b, c, d*, &c. Perpendicular to *ag* draw *eh, fi*, &c., and make *eh, fi, gh*, each equal to *b1, c2, d3*, &c.; then, through the points *g, h, i, k*, draw a curve, which will form the groin belonging to the seat *ag*. From the points *e, f*, &c., draw lines *et, fs*, &c., cutting *qm* in the points *p, o*, &c.; and, through the points *q, t, s, r*, draw the curve *qtsr*, which will be one of the ribs of the lunette.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 5. (*fig. 5, pl. VIII.*)

Given one of the ribs of a LUNETTE, and a rib of the main arch, to determine the seat of the groin, or the seat of the intersection of the two surfaces.

This is, in fact, a cylindro-cylindric arch; we shall therefore refer the reader to *Problem 2*, for the geometrical construction of the same.

LUNETTES are used in large rooms or halls, and are made either in waggon-headed ceilings, or through large coves, surrounding a plane ceiling: they have a very elegant effect when they are numerous, and disposed at equal distances. Though it is not necessary to have the axes of the lunettes and the axes of the quadrantal cylindric surfaces in the same plane, they have the best effect when executed so; as the groin, formed by the meeting of the two surfaces, has, in this case, less projection: and, though the groins are curves of double curvature, their seats are perfect hyperbolas, and may be

described independent of the rules of projection, the summit or vertex of the curve being once ascertained: by these means we shall have the abscissa and double ordinate; the transverse axis being the distance between the opposite curves.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 6. (*fig. 1, pl. IX.*)

To find the groin of a CYLINDRO-CYLINDRIC ARCH, and the moulds for the boarding.

A *Cylindro-cylindric Arch* is the intersection of one semi-cylinder, of a less diameter, with another of a greater diameter. The principal objects to be found are, the seat of the curve on the plan, and the moulds for terminating the ends of the boards.

For this purpose, on any straight line, which has A at one of its ends, as a diameter, describe a semi-circle, as at No. 1, in the figure, terminating in A, for the section of the greater vault, or semi-cylindric arch. As the axis of the one cylinder is supposed to cut the axis of the other at right angles, the sides of the cross-vaults will also be at right angles to each other: therefore draw the diameter AC, of the lesser vault, perpendicular to the diameter of the greater vault; and on AC, as a diameter, describe the semi-circle ABC: divide the quadrantal arc AB into any number of equal parts, as here into five. Draw Ae perpendicular to AC, and produce CA to *h*. Through the points of division, in the quadrantal arc AB, draw 1*a*, 2*b*, 3*c*, 4*d*, Be, cutting Ae, in *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*. Again, through the same points 1, 2, 3, 4, B, in the quadrantal arc AB, draw straight lines 1*q*, 2*r*, 3*s*, 4*t*, BD, perpendicular to AC. From the point A, as a centre, with the several distances A*a*, A*b*, A*c*, A*d*, A*e*, describe the arcs *ek*, *di*, *ch*, *bg*, *af*, cutting Ah in *f*, *g*, *h*, *i*, *k*.

Parallel to the diameter of the greater semi-circle, or parallel to Ae, (*fig. 1, No. 1.*) draw *fl*, *gm*, *hn*, *io*, *kp*, cutting the greater semi-circular arc in the points *l*, *m*, *n*, *o*, *p*. Through the points *l*, *m*, *n*, *o*, *p*, draw *lq*, *mr*, *ns*, *ot*, *pD*, parallel to AC, cutting the perpendiculars 1*q*, 2*r*, 3*s*, 4*t*, BD, in the points *q*, *r*, *s*, *t*, D. Through the points A, *q*, *r*, *s*, *t*, D, trace a curve by hand, or put in nails at the points A, *q*, *r*, *s*, *t*, D, and bend a thin slip of wood so as to come in

contact with all the nails ; then, by the edge of this slip, which touches the nails, draw a line with a pencil, or find points ; and the curve thus drawn will be half the seat of the rib. The other half, being exactly the reverse, may be found by placing the distances of the ordinates at the same distance from the centre, upon the diameter AC, and setting up the perpendiculars by making them respectively equal to the others.

It will perhaps be eligible to make the whole curve ADC at once.

The mould for cutting the ends of the boards, which are to cover the centres of the lesser openings, will be found as follows :

On any straight line, C5, as on the diameter AC produced, set off the equal parts A1 ; 2, 3 ; 3, 4 ; 4B ; of the quadrant AB, on the straight line C5, from C to 1, from 1 to 2, from 2 to 3, from 3 to 4, from 4 to 5, and draw the straight lines 1*u*, 2*v*, 3*w*, 4*x*, 5*y*, perpendicular to C5. Make 1*u*, 2*v*, 3*w*, 4*x*, 5*y*, each respectively equal to each of the ordinates comprehended between the base AC, and the seat AD ; then, through all the points C, *u*, *v*, *w*, *x*, *y*, draw a curve *Cuvwxy*, as before ; then the shadowed part, of which the curve line *Cuvwxy* is the edge, is the *mould* for one side, which may also be made use of for the other.

To apply this mould, all the boards should be laid together, edge to edge, on a flat or plane surface, to the breadth C5. Draw a straight line C5, perpendicular to the edge of the first board, at the distance of 5*y* from the end. At the distance C5 draw a perpendicular 5*y*, and set off the distance 5*y*. Then apply the proper edge of the mould from C to *y*, as exhibited in the plate, and draw a curve across the boards, and cut their ends off by the line thus drawn ; then the ends, thus formed of the remaining parts, will fit upon the boarding of the greater vault, after being properly bevelled, so as to fit upon the surface of the said boarding.

No. 4, of *fig. 1*, exhibits the curve, in order to draw or discover the line on the boarding of the greater vault, in order to place the boarding of the lesser vault.

Nos. 2 and 3, *fig. 1*, show the method of forming the inner edges of the ribs, so as to range with the small opening. The under edge of the rib must be

formed so as to correspond to the curve which is its seat; and the little distances, between the straight line and the curve, must be set off on the short lines, shown at Nos. 1, 2, and 3; then a curve may be drawn through the points of extension, and the superfluous wood taken away; then, the rib being put in its real place, the angle will exactly fall over its seat. The diagram, *figure 1*, and its different numbers, answer both the purposes of a centering and of ribbing for plaster-ceilings.

Figure 2, *pl. IX*, exhibits the method of forming the *Cradelling*, or ribs, for plaster-ceilings of cylindro-cylindric arches. Here principal ribs only are used across the piers. The ribs of double curvature, which form the groins, though here exhibited, in order to fix the ribs, may be done without, by men of experience: but young workmen require every assistance, in order to acquire a comprehensive idea of the subject; it is, therefore, proper to show how the groined ribs are to be found. The other ribs, for lathing upon, are made of straight pieces of quartering, fixed equidistantly.

Figure 3, *pl. IX*, is a plan in which common groins and cylindro-cylindric arches both occur. See the gate-way leading from the Strand, in London, into the court of Somerset-house.

GROINS AND ARCHES.—PROBLEM 7. (*fig. 4*, *pl. IX*.)

To find the seats of the intersections of groins formed by the intersection of an annular and a radial vault, both being at the same height, the section of the annular vault being a semi-circle, and that of the radiating vault a semi-circle of the same dimensions, the plan being given.

Perpendicular to the middle line, or axis, of the radial vault, draw a straight line from any point of that middle line; from the point thus drawn, set the radius of the circle of the annular vault; from the point of extension draw a line, parallel to the axis of the radiating vault, to meet the side of the plan. From the point of meeting draw a straight line, perpendicular to the axis, to meet the other side of the plan of that radiating vault: on the perpendicular thus drawn, between the two sides, as a diameter, describe a semi-circle: divide each quadrantal arc of this semi-circle, and each quadrantal arc of the

semi-circle which is the section of the annular vault, into the same number of equal parts. Draw lines through the points of division in each arc, perpendicular to the base or diameter, to meet the said diameter. Through the points of section in the diameter of the annular vault, and from the point of concourse of the two sides of the radiating vault, describe arcs. From the same point of concourse, and through the points of section of the diameter of the semi-circle, which is the section of the radiating vault, draw lines from the point of concourse of the two sides of the radiating vault. Then, through the intersection of these lines, and the arcs drawn from the points of section in the diameter of the semi-circle, which is the section of the annular vault, trace a curve, which will be the seat of the groin. The method of fixing the timber is exhibited at the other end of the figure. The ribs of both the annular vault and the radiating vault are all fixed in right sections of these vaults, as must appear evident from what has been shown.

NAKED FLOORING.

FLOORS are those partitions in houses that divide one story from another.

Floors are executed in various ways : some are supported by single pieces of timber, upon which boards for walking upon are nailed. Floors of this simple construction are called *single-joisted floors*, or *single floors*; the pieces of timber, which support the boards, being called *joists*. It is, however, customary to call every piece of timber, under the boarding of a floor, used either for supporting the boards or ceiling, by the name of *joists*, excepting large beams of timber into which the smaller timbers are framed.

When the supporting timbers of a floor are formed by one row laid upon another, the upper row are called *bridging joists*, and the lower row are called *binding joists*. Sometimes a row of timbers is fixed into the binding joists, either by mortises and tenons, or by placing them underneath, and nailing them up to the binding-joists : these timbers are called *ceiling-joists*, and are used for the purpose of lathing upon, in order to sustain the plaster-ceiling.

In forming the naked flooring, over rooms of very large dimensions, it is found necessary to introduce large strong timbers, in order to shorten the bearing of the binding-joists; such strong timbers are called *girders*, and are made with mortises, in order to receive the tenons at the ends of the binding-joists, which, by this mean, are greatly stiffened, being much shorter.

The *bridging-joists* are frequently notched down on the binding-joists, in order to render the whole work more steady.

Figure 1, pl. X, is the plan of a naked floor; *b, b, b, &c.* are the binding-joists; *a, a, a, &c.* are the bridging-joists; *d*, a timber close upon the stair-case. This piece of timber is called a *trimmer*: its use is to receive and secure the ends of the joists, *e, e, e, &c.* upon the landing.

C, C, C, &c. are *wall-plates*, upon which the ends of the binding-joists rest.

In the construction of floors, great care must be taken that no timber come near to a chimney; therefore, the ends of the timbers, as here shown, have no connection with the fire-place, nor with the flues.

The flues, in this plan, are indicated by their being shadowed darker than the other parts of the plan.

Figure 2, pl. X, is the plan of naked flooring with a girder.

Figure 3, shows the manner of framing joists into a girder, with the form of the mortise and tenon. No. 1, is the part of a joist framed into the girder; and No. 2 is a joist out of the mortise.

Figure 4, shows the connection of binding-joists, bridging-joists, and ceiling-joists; as, also, the manner of fixing the binding-joists upon the wall-plates, which manner is called *cocking*, or *cogging*. The long dark parts represent the mortises, into which one end of the ceiling-joists are fixed. These long mortises are called *pulley-mortises*, or *chase-mortises*. The ceiling-joists are introduced into common mortises at one end, and the other end of them are let into these long mortises obliquely, and slide along until they are perpendicular.

Figure 5, shows how the bridging-joist is let down upon the binding-joist, and how the ceiling-joists are fitted into the binding-joists.

TUMBLING IN A JOIST, is to frame a joist between two timbers, of which the sides, which ought to be vertical or square to the upper edges, are oblique to these edges.

Figure 6, shows the method of fitting in a joist between the sloping sides of two others. The first thing done is, to turn the upper edge of the joist upon the top of the two pieces into which it is to be fitted, and brought over its proper place. The next thing is to turn the joist on its under edge, so as to lie over its place; then apply a rule, or straight edge, upon the side of the one piece where the shoulder of the joist is intended to come; then slide the joist until the line drawn come to the straight edge of the rule so applied; then draw a line by the edge of the rule. Do the same at the other end, and the two lines thus drawn will mark the shoulder of the tenon at each end.

LENGTHENING TIMBERS.

TIMBERS may be lengthened in various ways, either by making the piece of timber in two or more thicknesses; or by securing one piece to another, with a piece on each side, in order to cover the joint; and by spiking or bolting each piece on both sides of the joint. Sometimes the pieces that are applied on the sides are made of wood; in this case, it is called *fishing the beam*: such modes are used in ships, when their masts, beams, or yards, are broken, in order to mend them. Other modes of continuing the length of timbers or beams is, by splicing them with a long bevel-joint, ending in a sharp edge at the end of each piece. Sometimes the sharp edge of the end of each piece is cut off, so as to form an obtuse angle at the top. Sometimes the splice is so formed as that the two surfaces which come into contact are reciprocally indented into each other, which will add greatly to their security, when firmly bolted together. Every kind of scarf should have a strong iron-strap upon each opposite side, extending in length considerably beyond each joint.

Figure 7, pl. X, shows the manner of building a beam in three thicknesses; which, being strapped with iron across every joint, and bolted, will be exceedingly strong and firm.

Figure 8, exhibits the method of joining timbers by two *tables* and a *key*.

Figure 9, the method of lengthening timber by a plain scarf, being cut only with an obtuse angle at the ends.

Figure 10, the same kind of scarf, with two tables and a key.

Timbers that are scarfed and strapped ought to be so applied, that the sides which are strapped should be the horizontal sides; for, if otherwise applied, they will be liable to split at the bolting.

But, if the surfaces of the joints are to be placed in a vertical position, there ought to be two straps upon the top and two upon the bottom; each strap being brought close to the vertical face. By this method it will be much stronger than when set in the other position, or with the joint of the scarf horizontal.

THE ROOFING.

THE ROOF is that part of a building raised upon the walls, and extending over all the parts of the interior, in order to protect its contents from depredation, and from the severities and changes of the weather.

The ROOF, in CARPENTRY, consists of the timber-work which is found necessary for the support of the external covering.

The most simple form of roofs is that consisting of a level plane; but this description of roofs is adapted only to short bearings, and is not at all calculated to resist or prevent the torrents of rain or moisture from penetrating into the interior.

The next simple form is that which consists of an inclined plane; and, though well calculated to resist the injuries of the weather, and to afford greater strength than a level disposition of the timbers would supply, it is far from admitting of the utmost strength that a given quantity of timber is

capable of affording: it occasions an inequality, and a want of uniformity and correspondence in the proportions of the fabric, and an unnecessary and unpleasant height of walling. The best figure for a roof is that which consists of two equal sides, equally inclined to the horizon, terminating in the summit, over the middle of the edifice, in a horizontal line, or the *ridge* of the roof, as it is called: so that the section made by a plane, perpendicular to the ridge, is every where an isosceles triangle, the vertical angle of which is the top of the roof. This form is very advantageous, as it regards saving of timber; for it may be executed with the same scantlings, to span double the distance, that the simple sloping roof admits; or, in buildings of the same dimensions, the scantlings of the timbers will be very much diminished.

The antient Egyptians, Babylonians, and other eastern nations, of the remotest antiquity, constructed their roofs flat, as do likewise the present inhabitants of these countries. The antient Greeks, though favoured with a mild climate, yet sometimes liable to rain, soon found the inconvenience of a platform covering for their houses, and accordingly raised the roof in the middle, declining towards each side of the building, by a gentle inclination to the horizon, forming an angle of from 13 to 15 degrees, or the perpendicular height of from one-eighth to one-ninth of the span.

In Italy, where the climate is still more liable to rain, the antient Romans constructed their roofs from one-fifth to two-ninth parts of the span.

In Germany, where the severities of the climate are still more intense than in Italy, the antient inhabitants, as we are informed by *Vitruvius*, made their roofs of a very high pitch. When the pointed style of architecture was introduced into Europe, high pitched roofs were thought consonant with its principles; and they therefore formed, externally, one of the most striking characteristics of the Gothic style.

In their usual proportions, the rafters were equal to the breadth or span of the roof, or the rafters were the sides of an equilateral triangle, of which the spanning line was the base.

During the middle ages this form prevailed, not only in public but in private buildings, from the most stately and sumptuous mansion down to

the humble cottage of the common labourer; and this equilateral triangular roof continued in request until, finally, the pointed style came into disuse.

When the celebrated INIGO JONES introduced Roman architecture, the rafters were made three-quarters of the breadth of the building; and this proportion, which was called *true pitch*, still prevails in some parts of the country where plain tiles are used; subsequently, also, the square seems to have been considered as *true pitch*: but, in large mansions, constructed in the Italian style, roofs of a *pediment pitch*, covered with lead, were introduced.

In the present day, where good slates are to be obtained in abundance, roofs may be covered with them, from the pyramidal equilateral Gothic down to the gently inclined Greek pediment.

With regard to the present practice, the proportion of the roof depends on the style of the architecture of the edifice; the usual height varying from one-third to one-fourth part of the span.

There are, doubtless, some advantages in high pitched roofs, as they discharge the rain with greater rapidity; the snow does not lodge so long on their surface; also, they may be covered with smaller slates, and even with less care, and are not so liable to be stripped by high winds as the low roofs are; but the low roofs bear less weighty on the walls, and are considerably cheaper, since they require shorter timbers, and, of course, smaller scantlings.

The roof is one of the principal ties to a building, when executed with judgement, as it connects the exterior walls, and binds them together as one mass; and, besides the protection it affords the inhabitant within, it preserves the whole work from a state of decay, which would soon inevitably ensue, from the violence of rain or frost, which would operate in a way of rotting the timbers, of destroying the connection in the walls, and would cause them ultimately to fall.

The several timbers of a roof are, *principal rafters*, *tie-beams*, *king-posts*, *queen-posts*, *struts*, *collar-beams*, *straining-sils*, *pole-plates*, *purlins*, *ridge-piece*, *common-rafters*, and *camber-beams*. The uses of these will appear from the following description of them.

The usual EXTERNAL FORM of a ROOF has two surfaces, which generally rise from opposite walls, with the same inclination; and, as the walls are most commonly built parallel to each other, the section of the roof made by a plane perpendicular to the horizon, and to one of the walls, is an isosceles triangle; the base being the extension from the one wall head to the other. This extension is called the *span of the roof*.

TO FRAME TIMBERS, so that their external surfaces shall keep this position, is the business of *trussing*; and the ingenuity of the carpenter is displayed in making the strongest roof with a given quantity of timbers.

All beams, or pieces of timber, from their weight, when supported at the two ends only, acquire a concavity on the upper side; and this concavity is the greater as the distance between the props is the greater. It is, therefore, a grand object to prevent this bending as much as possible. The curvature will take place whether the position of beams be horizontal or inclined; but the same beam will have less curvature, as the angle, to which it is inclined to the horizon, is greater. For, it is evident that, when a beam is laid level, and supported at its extremities, its curvature will be greater than when inclined at any angle, however small; and, again, if it stand perpendicular to the horizon, its curvature will be nothing; that is to say, its curvature will be nothing when the angle of inclination is the greatest.

The curvature which timber obtains by bending is called *sagging*. To prevent timber from sagging, as much as is possible, it must be supported at a certain number of intermediate points or places, besides the two extreme points or places. Now these supports must themselves be supported from some base or other; but, if the resting points or places is upon the surface or surfaces of other timbers, the greatest care must be taken that they do not fall between the extremities of the supporting timbers intended to support the other. That is to say, the lower end of every piece of timber, used as a prop, must rest upon some fixed point; or, otherwise, the propping piece of timber must be so disposed that the pressing forces at each end must be equal to each other.

These are the general principles upon which the strength of roofs depend.

A **FIXED POINT** or **PLACE**, in Carpentry, is the point or place where two timbers are joined together; and no roof or piece of framing is good, where the end of one piece, used as a prop to another, presses upon a third piece of timber, supporting that prop, between its extremities. The pressing end of every prop ought to rest upon some *fixed point*.

PRINCIPAL RAFTERS are the two pieces of timber, in a framed roof, that form the two equal sides under the covering.

It is evident that the greater the opening is, the more supports each principal rafter will require.

A piece of timber may be supported either from some fixed point above it, or some fixed point below it: if the connecting support be above the piece to be supported, then it is evident that it will act as a string; but, if below the piece to be supported, it is evident that the prop must be an inflexible bar or piece of wood.

Now, therefore, as the principal rafters cannot be supported from above, they must be supported from below; the props must, therefore, be made of some stiff material, as iron or timber, of sufficient thickness; and, because the pressure occasioned by the weight of the covering is uniformly distributed over the principal rafters, these principal rafters must be supported at a certain number of equidistant points, which will depend upon the distance of the walls.

A **TIE-BEAM** is a piece of timber, connecting the feet of the principal rafters, in order to prevent them from spreading, by the weight of the covering. The *tie-beam* is therefore used as a string, and is in a state of tension.

In order to prevent the sagging of the tie-beam, in very wide houses, it must be supported in one or more places in its length; and, if it cannot be supported from the ground, it must be supported from some *fixed point* or points in the roof itself. The only fixed point is where the two principals meet each other; but this one point will furnish as many supports to the tie-beam as we please; then every one of these points in the tie-beam are *fixed points*: from each of these fixed points, in the tie-beam, the principal rafters may be supported; or in as many points, or from any convenient fixed point,

in the tie-beam, the principal rafter above may be supported, in as many points in its length as we please.

No direct rule can be given for the disposition and position of supporting timbers : the best way to judge of this is, such a disposition as will make the connecting timbers as short as possible, and the angles as direct as possible. Oblique or acute angles occasion very great strains at the joints, and should therefore be avoided. One grand principle to be obtained, in every frame or roof, is, to resolve the whole frame into the least number of triangles, which must be considered as the elements of framing. Quadrilateral figures must be avoided, if possible ; and this may be done by introducing a diagonal, which will resolve it into two triangles ; for, without this, a four-sided figure will be moveable round its angles. Sometimes it may be necessary to resolve a quadrangular piece of framing into *four* triangles, by means of two diagonal pieces, particularly when this figure occurs in the middle of a roof.

The principles of framing being once understood, a little practice in designing will soon enable the artizan to judge of the proper disposition of timbers, so as to produce a good design, if not the best possible.

A KING-POST, or PRINCIPAL Post, is a vertical piece of timber, extending from the meeting of the two principal rafters to the tie-beam, for the purpose of supporting the tie-beam in the middle.

The KING-POST is, therefore, in a state of tension ; and, consequently, a string, which will not lengthen, may be used as a tie-beam ; and this string may be a slender bar of wrought iron, or any tenacious material, that will not be liable to greater extension when stretched or drawn in length.

The principal rafters are frequently supported from one or more points in the king-post : but it is evident that they must be supported exactly in the same manner when the supporting points in the king-post are between its two extremities ; so that the principal rafters may produce equal and opposite pressures, on each side of the king-post.

Each of the principal rafters may be supported in as many points as we please, either from one point in the king-post, or from as many points as the number of points to be supported ; or, as has been said before, either from one

fixed point, or from as many fixed points, in the tie-beam, as the number of points to be supported; and, in short, the principal rafters may be supported from any fixed point whatever, from the king-post, or tie-beam, or from both. This very circumstance points out a vast variety of designs for roofs.

QUEEN-POSTS are two pieces of timber, equidistant from the middle of the truss; the one suspended from the head of one of the principal rafters, and the other from the head of the other, with a level piece of timber between them.

The QUEEN-POSTS, therefore, divide the internal space of the frame into three compartments, of which the two extreme ones are right-angled triangles, and the middle one a rectangle.

The use of the queen-posts is similar to that of the king-posts; *viz.* for furnishing a general support for the principals, at different points between the ends, by connecting timbers, and supporting the tie-beam between its extremities.

STRUTS are those props which support the principal rafters, in one or more points, so as to divide them into equidistant parts.

STRUTS are generally disposed in pairs, equally inclined to the vertical line, which divides the truss into two equal and similar parts; and which, therefore, divides the two beams into two equal lengths. Struts are necessary in roofs where the span is great; and the greater the span or distance of the walls, the greater the number of struts will be required; for, in this case, more points in the principals will have to be supported.

A COLLAR-BEAM is the piece of timber framed between two queen-posts.

A *collar-beam roof* is necessary where the roof is to have a platform, or flat for walking upon, or wherever rooms are required in the roof.

A STRAINING-SILL is a horizontal piece of timber, disposed between the feet of the queen-posts, to counteract the efforts of the struts, in pushing the principals nearer to each other.

Having thus noticed the several parts of a truss, it may be proper to observe that all king-posts, queen-posts, and tie-beams, are *ties*; and, therefore, a

string incapable of farther extension than is sufficient to bring it to a straight line. A chain, or a slender bar of iron, will answer the same purpose as well as a piece of timber, or other such inflexible material. It is also to be remarked that all collar-beams, principal rafters, and struts, are *straining pieces*; which are, therefore, necessarily constructed of an inflexible material, such as wood or a stiff piece of iron. It may be further observed that, in complex frames, such as centering to large arches or bridges, in the act of building, the same timbers, in different stages of the work, sometimes perform the office of ties, and sometimes that of straining pieces; and, in the transition of office, must be sometimes in a neutral state. The material employed in such situation must, necessarily, be inflexible. This is to be recommended not only here, but in every doubtful case, or where it is uncertain whether the part of the truss requires to be a tie or a straining piece.

A POLE-PLATE is a beam over each opposite wall, supported upon the ends of the tie-beam, or upon the feet of the principal rafters.

PURLINS are horizontal pieces of timber, supported by the principal rafters.

A RIDGE-PIECE is a beam at the apex of a roof, supported by the king-post, or by the heads of the principals.

COMMON RAFTERS are inclined pieces of timber, parallel to the principal rafters, supported by the pole-plates; the purlins and the ridge-piece, for supporting the covering, the material of which is sometimes large slates, extended from rafter to rafter, and sometimes smaller slates, nailed upon boarding, battening, or hung to lath, and these nailed upon the common rafters.

JOGGLES are the joints at the meeting of struts, king-posts, queen-posts, and principal rafters; and, indeed, all the joints of a roof may be termed *joggles*. The best form of the joggles is that which is at right angles to the lengths of the struts or rafters, or at right angles to the tenoned piece: but this position cannot, at all times, be obtained, from the want of sufficient substance of timber: in this case, the joint is made either oblique, or the upper part in a line with the side of the piece which has the mortise, and the lower

part perpendicular to the sides of the tenoned piece: or the joint is sometimes made partly parallel, and partly perpendicular, to the mortised piece. When the joint is oblique, the force of the tenoned piece, in the direction of its length, causes the end to slide upon the abutment, towards the side which contains the obtuse angle: but this is, in some degree, counteracted by the resistance of the tenon on the lower end of the mortise. However, with regard to the stress of the timbers in a frame, the abutting joint is of little importance. *M. Perronet*, the celebrated French engineer, formed the abutments, and, consequently, the joggles, in the arches of circles, making the centre at the other extremity.

CAMBER-BEAMS are those timbers which are supported upon purlins over the collar-beams, and support the boarding for a leaden platform: for this purpose they have an equal declivity from the middle, in order to cause the water from rain or snow to descend equally on each side of the roof.

COCKING, OR COGGING, is the form of the joints, which the tie-beams and wall-plates make with each other; and here, as in every other case of jointing, the parts must be reciprocally reversed to each other, so that the protuberant part or parts of the one are the raised or indented parts of the other. The parts which come in contact are plane surfaces; those which form the bottom or bottoms of the recess or recesses are parallel to, and those which form the sides perpendicular to, the surfaces, from which the jambs are made. The best method is, by cutting a groove, across the fibres, in the beam to be let down, to correspond to a rising in the plate formed by recessing the plate, on each side of the rising. Another method is by an external and internal dovetail: but this method is almost antiquated.

PARTICULAR OBSERVATIONS ON ROOFS.

GABLE-ENDED ROOFS, unless properly supported by ties, are liable to thrust out the walls, and particularly when the walls are very thin, or the distance between them very great. A **HIPED ROOF**, over a rectangular plan, when the jack-rafters are well secured to the principals, produces less lateral pressure

on the walls than a gable-ended one upon the same plan. A hiped roof, upon a square plan, produces less lateral pressure upon the walls than an oblong of the same area. With regard to roofs executed upon regular polygonal plans of the same area, that which has the greater number of sides produces less lateral pressure on the walls than that which has fewer sides; and, when the number of sides are very many, the polygon may be considered as a circle; and, consequently, a circular roof will give less lateral pressure upon the walls than a polygonal one of any number of sides, however great.

In the execution of all these, however, it will be necessary that a wall-plate should be formed to the plan, and well connected, not only between each of the angular points, but also at the angular points themselves; for, when the building is carried up on a polygonal plan, every two adjacent hips will act in the same manner as the two principals in a framed roof; and, therefore, every side of the wall-plate will be a tie; and, consequently, if not properly joined, the walls will be liable to be rent.

COVERING OF CIRCULAR ROOFS.

CIRCULAR ROOFS may be covered upon two different principles; one is, by supposing the axial section to be divided into a number of small equal parts, and the roof cut by planes through the points of division, parallel to the base; and, by considering the frustums of the solid as so many frustums of a cone, the covering of each respective part will be found. The other principle is by dividing the circumference of the base into a number of small equal parts, and supposing axial sections to be made through the points of division; then, by considering the surface of each axial portion as the surface of a cylinder, the covering will be found. The distance between the points of division, in the former case, must be less than the breadth of the boards which are to form the envelopes of the covering, in order to make the convex edge of the board: this distance must, therefore, be less, as the length of the boards is greater. In the latter case, the distances between the points of division may be exactly

equal to the breadth of the boards. It is true that the surface of each part is spherical or convex, and therefore can neither be considered as the frustum of a cone, nor that of a cylinder: but, if the distance between the divisions be small, the surfaces will be almost straight in all the axial sections; so that there will be no practical difference, even though the widest boards be used in moderate-sized works. The boards which thus form the envelopes must be thin, in order that they may comply with the surface of the circular roof to be covered. It is here proper to notice that, when boards are bent, so as to form a surface either concave or convex, they are much stronger than if the surface were a plane, even though the ribs were at the same distance in both: but, in order to make the boards bend regularly and truly, the ribs ought to be disposed at a nearer distance, even at the widest place, which is at the bottom, than the rafters of a common roof. When the ribs are disposed in axial planes, they will come in contact with each other at the top, unless they terminate upon a circular kirb, of a diameter sufficient to prevent their doing so; but, as the intervals at the top are always much less than at the bottom, the ribs are sometimes discontinued, in order to reduce the intervals nearer to an equality of breadth throughout the length of each: the execution in this way will save the timber-work, and, consequently, lessen the expenses. Sometimes the ribbing of circular roofs consists of only several principal axial ribs, and the intervals filled in with jack-ribs; which, if the surface to be covered be spherical, are portions of less circles of the sphere, and are disposed in parallel vertical planes.

PROBLEM 1.

To find the bevels for cutting the various timbers in a hiped roof, and the backing of the hips (*plate XI, figures 1, 2, 3*).

Let ABCD, *figures 1, 2, and 3*, be the outlines of the wall-plates, AF, DF, and BE, CE, the seats of the hips, and EF the seat of the ridge-piece.

To find the length of any rafter, draw a line from the one extremity of the seat of that rafter, perpendicular to that seat, and make the height of the perpendicular equal to the height of the roof; join the point of extension

and the other extremity of the seat, and the line thus joined is the length of the rafter as required.

Example 1; figure 1.—Find the length of the common rafters standing upon IK; divide IK into two equal parts in the point F: draw FL perpendicular to IK; make FL equal to the height of the roof, and join IL or KL; then IL or KL is the length of each rafter.

Example 2; fig. 2.—Find the length of the hip-rafter standing upon AF. Draw FS, perpendicular to AF: make FS equal to the height of the roof; join AS, and AS is the length of the hip.

PROBLEM 2.

To find the bevels of a purlin upon a hip-rafter, giving the seat of a common rafter, and the seat of the hip-rafter, and the angle which the common rafter makes with its seat.

Place the section-purlin in its real position with respect to the common rafter. Produce that side of the section of the purlin, of which the bevel is required, upon the hip, toward the seat; from one extremity of the line thus produced, and, with the length of the said line as a radius, describe a circle. Draw three lines, parallel to the wall-plate, to meet the hip line: viz. one from the centre of the circle, one from the point where the line meets the circle, and the third a tangent to the circle. From the point in the seat of the hip-rafter, where the middle line meets the said seat, draw a line perpendicular to that middle line, to meet the tangent; join the point where this perpendicular meets the tangent to the point where the line drawn from the centre meets the seat of the hip-rafter, and the angle formed by the line thus joining, and the line drawn from the centre of the circle, will be the bevel of the purlin.

Example; pl. XI, fig. 1.—AF being the seat of a hip-rafter, IF that of a common rafter, and FIL the angle which the common rafter makes with its seat, and *abcd* the section of the purlin.

Now suppose it were required to find the bevel of that side of the purlin represented by *ad*.

Produce ad to any point, f ; and from a , with the radius af , describe a circle, fgh . Parallel to the adjacent wall-plate, AB , draw three lines to cut the seat, AF , of the hip; *viz.*, from the centre, a , draw ai ; and from the point f , where af meets the circle, draw fk , the former cutting the seat in i , and the latter in k . Draw kl perpendicular to fk , and draw the tangent el , cutting kl in l ; and join il ; then lia is the angle required.

In the same manner, by producing ab , we shall find the angle formed upon the end of the side, of which its section is ab .

In order that the different inclined planes, which form the sides of a roof, should have an equal inclination to the horizon, the seats of the hip-rafters ought to bisect the angles of the wall-plates.

When a roof is wider at one end than at the other, in order, as in *fig. 3*, to prevent its winding, let IK and OP be the seats of the two common rafters, passing through each extremity of the ridge-piece, and let the rafters IL and KL be found as before; divide OP into two equal parts, in E ; draw ER perpendicular to OP . Make the angle EPR equal to the angle FKL ; then ER will be the height of the roof upon the seat OP .

If this should be objected to, because it makes the ridge higher at one end than at the other, let E , *fig. 4*, be the end of the seat of the ridge next to the narrow end of the roof.

Bisect all the four angles of the roof by the straight lines AF , BE , CE , DF ; and, through E , draw EG , parallel to AB , cutting AF in G ; and draw EH , parallel to CD , cutting DF in H ; and join GH : then GH will be parallel to AD . This is true, because, since all the angles are bisected, if we imagine perpendiculars drawn from E to the three sides, the three straight lines thus drawn will be equal: and, because EG is parallel to AB , the perpendiculars drawn from the points E and G , to the straight line AB , are equal; from the same reason, because EH is parallel to CD , the perpendiculars drawn from the points E and H , to the straight line CD , are equal; therefore the perpendicular drawn from the point G , to the straight line AB , is equal to the perpendicular drawn from H to the straight line CD . And, since the angles BAD and CDA are bisected by the straight lines AG and DH , the two

perpendiculars, drawn from G, to the sides AB and AD, are equal; as also the two perpendiculars from the point H to the sides DA and DC: but the perpendicular drawn from G, to the side AB, is equal to the perpendicular drawn from H to the side CD; therefore the perpendiculars, drawn from the points G and H, to the straight line AD, are equal to each other; but, when the perpendiculars drawn between two straight lines are equal, these two straight lines are parallel: therefore the straight line GH is parallel to AD.

Whence, if all the angles of a roof be bisected, and if any point be taken in any one of the bisecting lines, and if a line be drawn through the point thus assumed, parallel to one of the adjacent sides, to meet the next bisecting line, and so on from one to another, till only one line remains to be drawn; then, if the point assumed be joined to the point where the parallel meets the last bisecting line, the line thus joining will be parallel.

OF NICHES.

NICHES are ornamental recesses formed in walls, in order to enshrine some ornament, as a statue, or elegant vase. They are often constructed in thick walls, in order to save materials in masonry, or brick-work.

Niches are sometimes constructed of ribs of timber, and lathed and coated over with plaster, which forms the surface to be exhibited.

The plans or bases of niches are always some symmetrical figure; as a rectangle, a segment of a circle, or one of an ellipse.

All the sections of niches, parallel to the base, are similar figures; and all the sections parallel to the base, to a certain distance, are equal. Niches sometimes terminate upwards in a plane surface, and sometimes in an ellipsoidal surface; but most frequently in the portion of a spherical surface: so that, as the faces of walls are generally perpendicular to the horizon, the aperture in the face is either a rectangle, or a rectangle terminating in the

segment of a circle, or in the segment of an ellipse. Two of the sides of the rectangle are perpendicular to the horizon.

Niches are always constructed in a symmetrical form; *viz.* if a vertical plane be supposed to pass through the middle point of the breadth, perpendicular to the surface of the wall, it will divide the niche into two equal and similar parts; or, if any two points be taken in the breadth, equidistant from the sides of the niche, and if two vertical planes be supposed to pass through these points, perpendicular to the surface of the wall, the sections of the niche will be equal and similar.

Niches are placed either equi-distantly, in a straight wall, or round a cylindrical wall, dividing the circumference into equal parts: sometimes they are placed in an elliptic wall. In the latter case, however, they ought not to divide the circumference into equal parts, but to be at an equal distance from each extremity of the major axis. Niches are frequently constructed in polygonal rooms; a niche being placed in the middle of each side of the prismatic cavity. The opposite sides of such rooms are always equal and similar rectangles. The plans are either hexagonal or octagonal; but, most frequently, of the latter form.

THE PRINCIPLES of FORMING the RIBS, for the heads of spherical niches, are drawn from the following considerations:

All the sections of a sphere, made by a plane, are circles; therefore the edges of the ribs to be lathed ought to be portions of circles.

The ribs of niches may be placed either in vertical planes, or in horizontal planes; and, indeed, in any manner, so as to form the spherical surface as required: it will be most convenient, however, to dispose the ribs either in vertical planes, or in planes parallel to the horizon, as the case may require.

One of the most easy considerations for the ribs of a niche, when placed in vertical planes, is to suppose them to pass through a common line of intersection; and, if this line passes through the axis of the sphere, the ribs will be all equal portions of the circumference of a great circle of the sphere; and will, in consequence, be very easily executed. In this case, the square edges of

the ribs will range, or form the surface of the niche. This position of the ribs is therefore very convenient for forming them, as it not only requires less time to execute them, but much less wood will be required.

There is another position of vertical ribs, which is frequently convenient; that is, by placing the ribs in equi-distant planes, perpendicular to the surface of the wall; and, consequently, when the surface of the wall is a plane, the planes of the ribs will be all parallel.

Figure 1, in *pl. XII*, exhibits the plan and elevation of a niche; the ribs are disposed in vertical planes, which intersect in the centre of the sphere. The plan, No. 1, is the segment of a circle; and, in consequence of this, the back ribs are of different lengths, and will therefore meet the front rib in different places, as shown in the elevation, No. 2. For, if the plan had been a semi-circle, all the back ribs would have necessarily met the front rib in the middle of its circumference. Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, (*fig. 1*.) exhibit the ribs, as cut to their proper lengths, according to the plan, No. 1. Thus, let it be required to find the rib standing upon the plan BCED, of which the sides BD and CE are equi-distant from the line that passes through the centre A. In No. 6 draw the straight line *ad*, in which make *ac*, *ab*, *ad*, equal to AC, AB, AD, No. 1: in No. 6, from the point *a*, as a centre, describe an arc of a circle; from the points *b*, *c*, draw two straight lines, perpendicular to *ad*, cutting the arc; then the portion of the arc, intercepted between the point *d* and the perpendicular drawn from the point *b*, is the *arris line* next to the front, and the part intercepted between the point *d* and the perpendicular is the arc forming the *arris line* next to the back; so that the extremities of the perpendiculars drawn from *b* and *c*, give the extremities of the joint against or upon the front rib.

As to the form of the back edges of the ribs, they may be curved or formed in straight portions. In this manner all the other ribs will be formed; as is evident from the preceding explanation.

Figure 2, *pl. XII*, exhibits the plan and elevation of a niche, with the method of describing the ribs when they are disposed in parallel planes. No. 1 is the *plan*, No. 2 the *elevation*, and Nos. 3 and 4 the method of

drawing the ribs. The lengths of the bases of the ribs, in Nos. 3 and 4, are taken from the plan No. 1; as AK, AI, AH, AF, AE, AC, AB, are respectively equal to ED, *ac, ab, af, ae, ai, ah*, in the base No. 1. The two distances which approach near to each other show the quantity of bevelling. With these distances, from the centre A, No. 3, describe as many semi-circles as there are points; then the double lines will represent the quantity of bevelling, or the distance from the square edge. No. 4 shows one of the ribs alone by itself.

TO DRAW THE RIBS OF A SPHERICAL NICHE, in a circular wall. *Plate XIII, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.*

Let No. 1 be the plan of the niche, and that of the wall *Abcd*, &c. the base line of the circular wall; ABCD the base line of the spherical niche; and A, B, C, D, &c. the bases of the ribs, of which the sides are all supposed to stand in a vertical plane; and a plane, passing through the middle of the thickness of each rib, parallel to the sides of that rib, is supposed to pass through the centre of the sphere; and, therefore, the bases of these planes will pass through the point E, which is the projection of the centre of the sphere, on the horizontal plane, where the cylindrical and spherical surfaces meet each other; and this we may suppose to be the plane of the paper.

Now, since all sections of the sphere are circles, all the edges of the ribs of the niche will be circular; but, because all the circles pass through the centre of the sphere, the edges of the ribs of the niche must be all segments of great circles of the sphere; and, therefore, they must all be described with one radius, which is equal to that of the arc A, B, C, D, &c., and, consequently, with the radius EA, EB, EC, ED, &c., as at No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, &c.; therefore, from F, G, H, as centres, describe the arcs DN, CM, BK; and draw FD, GC, HB. Produce FD to S, GC to Q, and HB to O. In the radius FD, No. 3, make *Fd* equal to *Ed*, No. 1, and draw *dT* perpendicular to FD, cutting the arc DN at N: then DN will be the under edge of the rib which stands upon *dD*, its plan. In No. 4, upon the radius CG, make *Ch, Ce*, equal to the plan of each side of the rib which stands upon C, No. 1; and, in No. 4, draw *cR, hV*, cutting the arc CM at L and M.

In like manner, in No. 5, make Bc , Bb , each equal to the side of the rib B , in the plan, No. 1; and, in No. 4, draw bP , cU , perpendicular to BH , cutting the arc BK in I and K . Then the backs of these ribs may either be the arcs ST , QR , OP , or may have any outline whatever; but, for the convenience of what will be presently shown, in the fixing of the ribs, it will be proper to make them all circular arcs of one radius, which will make them sufficiently strong. Then $IPKU$ is the representation of the top of the rib, which top coincides with the face of the wall, and, consequently, the distance between the lines LV , MR , is the quantity which this rib, now under description, must be bevelled. In like manner, $IKPU$ is the representation of the upper end of the rib which stands upon its plan B , and where it falls in the surface of the wall.

The back of the ribs being made circular, and of one radius, they will all coincide with another spherical surface: if, therefore, the back ribs are fixed at their bases, the inner edges will be brought to the spherical surface, by fixing a rib, whose inner concavity has the same radius as the backs of the ribs, upon the backs of these ribs; so that the plane, passing through the middle of its thickness, parallel to its sides, may pass through the centre of the sphere. In other respects, the plane of this fixing rib may have any other position whatever, besides what has now been described.

BRACKETING FOR COVES AND CORNICES.

COVE-BRACKETING is the finish of the top of the faces of a room, adjacent to the cornice, and consists, generally, of the concave surface of a cylinder; though it may be, occasionally, that of a cylindroid; and the latter surface will, in many cases, have the appearance of greater ease than the surface of a cylinder.

All the vertical sections of coved ceilings, perpendicular to the wall, are equal and similar figures, alike situated to the surface of the wall, and equidistant from the floor.

The CORNICE of a room has the same properties; that is, its vertical sections, perpendicular to the surface of the wall, an equal and similar figures; and their corresponding parts are equi-distant from the wall, and also from the floor.

As the coves and cornices of rooms are generally executed in plaster, when they are large, in order to save the materials, the plaster is supported upon lath, which is fastened to wooden brackets, and these again to bond-timbers, or plugs in the wall: for this purpose the brackets are equi-distantly placed, and are about three-quarters of an inch within the line of the cornice; and, in order to support the lath at the mitres, brackets are also fixed in the angles.

In *fig. 1, pl. XIV*, ABCD is the plan of the faces of the walls of a room. The plan of the bracketing is here disposed internally, and the angle brackets are placed at B and C.

In *fig. 2*, ABCD is the plan of part of one side and the chimney-breast; and here, on account of the projection, we have one internal angle and one external angle. We may here observe, that the angle bracket of the external angle is parallel to that of the internal angle.

Figure 3 exhibits a bracket upon a re-entering obtuse angle.

In *fig. 4*, ABCDEF, is part of the section of a room; CD is the ceiling line; CB and DE are the sections of the coves; BA and EF are portions of the wall-lines.

Figure 5 shows the construction of a cove-bracket at a right angle. Let AC be the projection of the cove, and let Aa be part of the wall-line: make Aa equal to AC, and join aC; on the base AC describe the bracket AB, which is here the quadrant of a circle. In the arc AB take any number of points, *d, e, f, &c.*, and from these points draw lines parallel to Aa; that is, perpendicular to AC, cutting both AC and aC in as many points; from the points of section in aC draw lines perpendicular to aC, and make the lengths of the perpendiculars respectively equal to those contained between the base AC and the curve AB; and, through the points of extension, draw a curve; and the curve, thus drawn, will form the cove in the angle, as required to be done.

Figure 6, exhibits the construction of a bracket for an external obtuse angle, AaK being the wall-line.

Figure 7, exhibits the construction of a bracket for an external acute angle.

Figure 8, exhibits the section of a large cornice, where the lines within the mouldings form the bracket required.

Figure 9, shows the construction of the angle-bracket for a cornice in a right angle.

To form the bracket in the obtuse or acute angle, take any point f (*figures 6 and 7*), in the given cove, and draw Fh parallel to Aa , cutting the base AC of the given bracket in g , and the base ac of the angle-bracket in h : draw hi perpendicular to ac , and make hi equal to gf ; then will i be a point in the curve. In the same manner we may obtain as many points as we please.

This description also applies to the construction of an angle-bracket of a cornice; the only thing to observe with regard to this is, to make all the constructive lines pass through the angular points in the edge of the common bracket.

In the construction of angle-brackets, it will be the best method to get them out in two halves, and so range each half to its corresponding side of the room; and, when they are ranged, we have only to nail them together.

METHODS OF BOARDING CIRCULAR ROOFS.

With regard to the boarding of roofs for slates, there are two principles; first, it is evident that, if a round solid be cut by two planes, each parallel to the base, the portion of the surface of the solid, between these planes, will nearly coincide with a conic surface, contained between sections perpendicular to the axis of the cone, of the same diameter each as those made by cutting the round solid; therefore the whole of the round solid may be looked upon as so many conic frustums, lying upon one another; therefore, to cover all the conic frustums is to cover the round solid.

The other method of covering a round solid is to suppose the base divided into equal parts, and the solid to be cut by planes passing through the points of division, and through the fixed axis; then the surface of the body will be divided into as many equal and similar parts; so that, if any one of these portions of the solid be covered, the cover will, of course, fit any other portion thus divided; and, as all the horizontal sections of each portion of the solid is the sector of a circle, the chords of all the sectors will be parallel to each other; therefore the curved surface will be nearly prismatic. This, therefore, affords another method of forming the boarding.

The first of these methods is called the *horizontal method*, and the second the *vertical method*, of covering a dome.

In *fig. 1, pl. XV*, let ABC be a vertical section of a circular dome, through its axis; and let it be required to cover this dome horizontally; bisect the base, AC, in the point H, and draw HI perpendicular to AC, cutting the semi-circumference in B. Divide the arc BC into such a number of equal parts that each part may be less than the breadth of a board; that is to say, allowing the boards to be of a certain length, each part may be of the proper width, allowing for waste: Then if, between the points of division, we suppose the small arcs to be straight lines, as they will differ very little from them, and if horizontal lines be drawn through the points of division, to meet the opposite side of the circumference, the trapezoids will be the sections of so many frustums of a cone, and the straight line HI will be the common axis for every one of these frustums.

Now, therefore, to describe any board, which shall correspond to the surface of which one of the parts, *ab*, is the section, produce *ab* to meet HI in *c*; then, with the radii *cb*, *ca*, describe two arcs; then radiating the end to the centre, the lines thus drawn will form the board required.

In the same manner any other board may be found; as is evident from the principle described.

TO FIND THE FORMS OF THE BOARDS FOR COVERING AN ANNULAR VAULT (*pl. XV, fig. 2*).

Let AD be the outer diameter of the annulus, CG the inner, E the centre, and AC the thickness of the ring.

On AC describe the semi-circle ABC: then, if ABC be supposed to be set or turned perpendicular to the plane of the paper, it will represent half the section of the ring. From E, with the radius EA, describe the semi-circle AFD; and, from the same centre, E, with the radius EC, describe the semi-circle CHG; then AFD is the outer circumference, and CHG the inner circumference; and, consequently, AFDGHCA, is the section of the ring, perpendicular to the fixed axis; and the section ABC of the solid itself is perpendicular to the section AFDGHC.

To find the form of any board; divide the circumference ABC of the semi-circle into such a number of equal parts as the boards or planks out of which they are to be cut will admit.

Let ab be the distance between two adjacent points; through the centre E draw HI, perpendicular to AD; and through the points a and b , draw the straight line ac , meeting HI in the point c : from c , with the radius ca , describe an arc; and from the same centre, c , with the radius cb , describe another arc, and enclose the space by a radiating line at each end; and the figure bounded by the two arcs, and the radiating lines, will be the form of the board required.

In the same manner the form of every remaining board may be found.

It is obvious that, as common boards are not more than nine or ten inches in breadth, the boards formed for the covering cannot be very long; or otherwise they must be very narrow, which will produce much waste.

To COVER AN ELLIPSOIDAL DOME, the major axis of the generating ellipse being the fixed axis (*pl. XV, fig. 3*).

Let ABC be the section through the fixed axis, or generating ellipse, which will also be the vertical section of such a solid.

Produce the fixed axis AC to I, and divide the curve ABC into such a number of equal parts that each may be equal to the proper width of a board. Then, as before, draw a straight line through two adjacent points a and b , to meet the line AI in c ; then, with the radii ca and cb , describe arcs, and terminate the board at its proper length.

No. 2, (*fig. 3*), is an horizontal section of the dome, exhibiting the plan of the boarding.

Figure 4 is a section of a circular roof. The principle of covering it with boards bent horizontally, is exactly the same as in the preceding examples.

It is now necessary only to explain ONE GENERAL PRINCIPLE, which extends to the whole of these round solids. The planes which contain the conic frustums are all perpendicular to the fixed axis, which is represented by HC , in all the figures. Produce ab , to meet the fixed axis HI in c ; then, with the radius ca , describe an arc; and, with the radius cb , describe another arc, which two arcs will form the edges of the boards; the ends are formed by radiating lines. Now, which ever figure we inspect, we shall find this rule to apply.

As the boards approach nearer to the revolving axis, they may be made either wider or longer; but, as the boards approach nearer to the fixed axis, the waste of stuff will be greater, and, consequently, the boards must be shorter.

When the boards come very near to the bottom of the dome, the centres for describing the edges of the boards will be too remote for the length of a rod to be used as a radius. In this case we must have recourse to the following method. Let ABC , (*fig. 1, pl. XVI,*) be the section of the dome, as before, and let e be the point in the middle of the breadth of a board: draw ed parallel to AC , the base of the section, cutting the axis of the dome in g , and join Ae , cutting the axis in f . Then, by *problem 10, page 64*, describe the segment of a circle, through the three points d, f, e , and this will give the curve of the edge of the board, as required.

Figure 1, No. 2, exhibits the manner of using the instrument. Thus, suppose we make DE equal to de , No. 1: Bisect DE in G , and draw GF , perpendicular to DE , and make GF equal to gf , No. 1. Draw FH parallel to DE , and make FH equal to FE , and join EH ; then cut a piece of board into the form of the triangle HFE ; then let HFE be that triangle; then move the vertex F from F to E , keeping the leg FE upon the point E ; and the leg F , and the angular point F of the piece, so cut, will describe the curve, or perhaps as much of it as may be wanted.

It must be here observed that the line described is the middle of the board; but, if the breadth of the board is properly set off at each end, on each side of

the middle, we shall be able to describe the arc with the same triangle; or, if the concave edge of the board is hollowed out, the convex edge will be found by gauging the board off to its breadth.

As all the conic sections approach nearer and nearer to circles, as they are taken nearer to the vertex; a parabola, whose abscissa is small, compared to its double ordinate, will have its curvature nearly uniform, and will, consequently, coincide very nearly with the segment of a circle; and, as this curve is easily described, we shall here employ it instead of a circular arc, as in Nos. 3 and 4.

Draw the chord DE, as before, and bisect it in G. Draw GF perpendicular to DE, and make GF equal to gf , in No. 1: so far the construction of the diagrams, Nos. 3 and 4, are the same; but, in what follows, they are different: we shall, therefore, take each of them separately, and first No. 3.

Divide each half, DG, GE, into the same number of equal parts; and, through the points of division, draw lines perpendicular to DE; also, from the points D and E, at the extremities, draw perpendiculars; and make each of these perpendiculars equal to GF; then divide each into as many equal parts as DG or GE is divided into, and, through the points of division, draw lines to F, intersecting the perpendiculars; and, through the points of intersection, draw a curve, on each side of the middle point F, and this will be the form of the edge of the board, nearly.

In No. 4, make FH equal to gf , No. 1, and join DH and HE. Then divide DH and HE, each into the same number of equal parts; then, through the corresponding points of division, draw straight lines, and the intersection of all the lines will form the curve sufficiently near for the purpose. The lines thus drawn being tangents to the parabolic curve.

The arc of a circle may, however, be accurately drawn through points, by the following method:

Let DE, (*fig. 1*, No. 5,) be the chord of the segment, and GF the versed sine. Through F draw HF, parallel to DE; join DF, and draw DH perpendicular to DF. Divide DG and HF each into the same number of equal parts, as five, in this example; draw DI perpendicular to DG, meeting HF in

in I; and divide DI into the same number of parts as DG: *viz.* five. Join the points of division in DG to those in HF, and also through the points of division in DI draw straight lines to the point F, cutting the former straight lines, drawn through the points of division in the lines DG and HF: then trace a curve from the point D, and through the points of intersection to F, and we shall have one half of the circular arc. The other half is found in the same manner, as is obvious from inspection of the figure.

THE PRECEDING METHOD of covering round solids requires all the boards to be of different curvatures, and continually quicker as they approach nearer to the crown; but, by the following method of covering a dome, with the joints in vertical planes, when the form of one of the moulds is obtained, this form will serve for moulding the whole solid. The waste of stuff in this case is not less than in the other.

The method which we are about to explain is not only useful in the formation of the boards of a DOME, but in the covering of NICHES.

In *figures 2, 3, 4, (pl. XVI,)* No. 1 is the plan, and No. 2 the elevation; the contour of the latter being a vertical section passing through the axis. *Figure 2* represents a dome, whose contour is a semi-circle; *figure 3* represents a segmental dome; *figure 4* represents a round body, of which the vertical section is an *ogee*, or curve of contrary flexure.

Through the centre of the plan, G, draw the diameter, AC; and the diameter BD, at right angles to AC; and produce BD to E. Let BD, *figures 2 and 3*, be the base of a semi-section of the dome: on BD apply the semi-section CFD; and as the dome, represented by *figure 2*, is semi-circular, the point F will coincide with the point A in the circumference of the plan. In *figures 2 and 3* divide the curve FD, of the rib, into any number of equal parts, and extend the curve DF upon the straight line DE, from D to E; that is, make the straight line DE equal in length to the curve DF. Through the points of division, in the curve DA, draw lines perpendicular to DG, cutting it at the points *a, b, c*: then, extending the parts of the arc between the points of division upon the line DE, from D to 1, from 1 to 2, from 2 to 3, &c.: make

Dd equal to half the breadth of a board, and join dG ; produce the lines $1a$, $2b$, $3c$, &c., drawn through the curve DF , to meet the line dG , in the points d , e , f , &c. Through the points 1 , 2 , 3 , &c., in DE , draw perpendiculars $1g$, $2h$, $3i$, &c.: make $1g$, $2h$, $3i$, &c., respectively equal to ad , be , cf , &c.; and, through the points d , g , h , i , &c., E , draw a curve, which will form one edge of the board. The other edge, being similar, we have only to describe a curve equal and similar, so as to have all its ordinates respectively equal from the same straight line DE .

In *fig. 4*, the form of the mould for the boards is found in a similar manner, except that the curve DE is one side of the elevation, No. 2: Lines are drawn from the points of division in DE perpendicular to the diameter AC , which is parallel to the base of No. 2; and the points of division are transferred from the radius GC , to the radius GD , which is the base of the section. The remaining part of the process is the same as in *figures 1 and 2*.

In *figure 2*, the curved edge of the board is a symmetrical figure of the sines; the curves of the mould, *fig. 3*, is a smaller portion of the figure of the same curve: and, in *fig. 4*, the mould is a curve of contrary flexure; and if the curve DE be composed of two arcs of circles, the curve of the edges of the mould for the boards will still be compounded of the figure of the sines set on contrary sides; and, if the curve DE be compounded of two elliptic segments, the edges of the mould for the formation of the boards will still be of the same species of curve: *viz.* the figure of the sines.

This figure occurs very frequently in the geometry of building.

COVERINGS OF POLYGONAL ROOFS.

The plans of these roofs are here supposed to be regular polygons, and all the sections parallel to the base, similar to the base, and, consequently, similar to one another. They are made of prismatic solids, meeting each other in planes perpendicular to the plane of the base; and these mitre-planes meet each other in one common axis, which passes through the centre of each polygon.

In *pl.* XVII, *fig.* 1, the plan is denoted by the letters ABCDEFA. Then the centre of the polygon being the point I, draw the lines AI, BI, CI, &c. Bisect any of the sides, as AB, in the point L, and draw LI; then LI is perpendicular to AB.

Produce the line IL to M, and let ILN be the section applied upon IL. In the curve LN take any number of points 1, 2, 3, at equal distances, and transfer these distances to the line LM, so that LM may be equal to the arc LN. Through the points 1, 2, 3, &c. in LM, draw lines 1*g*, 2*h*, 3*i*, &c. parallel to AB; and through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in the arc LN, draw lines 1*d*, 2*e*, 3*f*, &c., also parallel to AB, cutting LI at the points *a*, *b*, *c*, &c., and BI at the points *d*, *e*, *f*, &c.: Make 1*g*, equal to *ad*, 2*h* equal to *be*, 3*i* equal to *cf*, &c. Through the points *g*, *h*, *i*, &c., draw a curve, which will be the edge of the joint over the mitre.

To find the angle-rib, through the points *d*, *e*, *f*, &c., draw *dk*, *el*, *fm*, &c. perpendicular to BI. Make *dk*, *el*, *fm*, &c., respectively equal to *a1*, *b2*, *c3*, &c. Through the points *k*, *l*, *m*, &c., draw a curve, which will be the edge of the angle-rib, as required.

Figure 2 shows the manner of describing a polygon, to any given number of sides. Thus suppose, upon the side AB, it were required to describe a *heptagon*. Produce BA to K, and, with the radius AB, describe a semi-circle, BGK, of which the diameter is BK; divide the arc BK into seven equal parts, and through the second division, G, draw AG; then BA and AG are two adjacent sides of the heptagon. Bisect each of the sides AG and AB by a perpendicular, meeting each other at I. Then I is the centre of a circle that will contain either of the sides AB or AG seven times. The equal chords, being inscribed in the remaining part of the circle, will complete the polygon as required. In this manner we may describe a polygon of any given number of sides whatever; by producing the given side, and describing a semi-circle on that side, and the part produced, and dividing the arc into as many equal parts as the polygon is to contain sides; then, drawing a line from the centre, through the second point of division, will form two adjacent sides of that polygon. The remaining part of the process is to be completed as before.

Figure 3, (*pl. XVII.*) shows the manner of finding the covering of a roof, when the plan is a regular pentagon.

Figure 4, exhibits the method of framing the ribs for such sorts of roofs.

Figure 5, shows the manner of describing the covering and ribs of a domical roof.

Figure 6, shows the manner of describing the covering and ribs of a roof whose vertical section is a figure of contrary curvature.

Figure 7, shows the method of describing a regular octagon from a given square. Thus, draw the diagonals; then, with half the diagonal, as a radius, and from each of the four angular points of the square, describe a quadrant or arc; join the two adjacent points of intersection, in each two adjacent sides of the square, and you have the octagon required.

Figure 8, exhibits the manner of forming one of the ribs for the ogee roof, or that of contrary curvature.

The method of finding the coverings and ribs of *figures 3, 5, and 6*, is the very same as that described in *figure 1*.

Such forms of roofs most frequently occur in temples or garden-buildings.

POLYGONAL ROOFS and CIRCULAR DOMES are of the same nature; as a dome cannot be covered upon any other principle than that of a polygon having a finite number of sides.

PENDENTIVE BRACKETING.

PENDENTIVE BRACKETING occurs when certain portions of a concave surface are carried from the sides of a rectangular or polygonal room to a level ceiling or cornice. The parts thus introduced, between the walls and the ceiling, are called PENDENTIVES.

Pendentives are either spherical, spheroidal, or conical. The figure in the walls, from which they spring, depends entirely upon the following principles:

It is well known that, if a sphere be cut by a plane, the section will be a *circle*; and, if a hemisphere be cut by a plane perpendicular to its base, the section will be a *semi-circle*. If a right cone be cut by a plane, perpendicular to its base, the section will be an *hyperbola*; and, generally, if any conoid, formed by the revolution of a conic section about its axis, be cut by a plane perpendicular to its base, the section will always be similar to the section of the solid passing through the axis; and every two sections of a conoid, cut by a plane perpendicular to the base, at an equal distance from the axis, are equal and similar figures. Therefore if, on the base of a hemisphere, we inscribe a square within the containing circle, and cut the solid by planes perpendicular to the base, through each of the four sides of the square, the four sections will represent the four portions of each wall, and the arcs will represent the springing lines for the spherical surfaces.

On *pl. XVIII, fig. 1*, No. 1 is the plan of a room, with the ribs which form the pendentive ceiling; the semi-circles on the sides are supposed to turn up perpendicular to the plan *bnmo*, which will form the terminations of the four walls; No. 2 is the elevation.

Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, exhibit the ribs for one eighth part of the whole; and, as these ribs are all in planes passing through the axis, they are all great circles of a sphere, of which the diagonals of the square is a diameter; therefore, though the ribs are shorter in the middle of each side, and increased towards the angles, they are all described with the same radius, which is half the diagonal of that square. The whole of the scheme may be formed in paste-board. Thus, in *figure 2*, let ABCD be the plan; on each of the sides, AB, BC, CD, DA, describe a semi-circle; then let each semi-circle be turned round its respective diameter until its plane becomes perpendicular to the plane ABCD; then the sides, thus turned up, will represent the sections of the sphere, and ABCD the base of the solid; then the surface extending between the semi-circular arcs is entirely spherical.

In *figure 3*, the pendentives are supposed to be placed on a conic surface, and the sides of the square not perpendicular, but equally inclined on every side, approaching nearer together as they ascend.

Thus, let ABCD be the plan, and the circumscribing circle the base of the cone, and EGF a section of the cone through its axis. Then, if the inclination of each of these four planes be the angle EHI, making HI parallel to FG, then the conic section is a parabola, and may be drawn as shown at *fig. 3, No. 2*, and as described in the Practical Geometry of this Work.

Figure 4, (pl. XVIII,) shows the method of describing the springing lines, when the sides are perpendicular to the plane ABCD. From the centre of the square, and through the angular points, describe the circle ABCD, and draw the diameter EF, parallel to any one of the sides, cutting AD and BC in *c* and *H*. In *Ec* take any number of points, *a, b, &c.*, and draw *ad, be, cf*, perpendicular to EF, cutting the side EG, of the section of the cone, in the points *d, e, f, &c.* From the centre of the plan describe the arcs *ci, bh, ag*, cutting the side DC in *g* and *h*, and the arc *ci* touching it in *i*. Perpendicular to DC, draw *im, kl, gh*, and make *im, kl, gh*, respectively equal to *cf, be, ad*. Then, upon the given base, DC, describe the symmetrical figure, *Dmc*, which will form the springing line, in order to set the ribs upon the wall.

As this figure is an hyperbola, it may be described, independently of tracing it from the plan, thus: In *fig. 4, No. 1*, draw HK perpendicular to EF, cutting the side GF of the cone in I, and meeting the other side EG, produced in K, and IK will be the axis, IH the abscissa, and HC or HB the ordinate: then describe an hyperbola, *fig. 4, No. 2*, which has its axis, abscissa, and ordinate, respectively equal to IK, IH, HB, or HC.

Figure 1, (pl. XIX,) is the elevation of conical pendentives. In order to form the conic surface, the figure of an hyperbola must be described upon each side of the room. The figure in the plate exhibits two sides of the room. In this diagram *aglib* represents the springing line on one side of the room, and *bhc* that on the other side; the former agreeable to the straight line AB on the plan, No. 1, and the latter agreeable to the straight line BC on that plan.

Figure 2 is a section and angular elevation of spherical pendentives; the plan being exhibited by No. 1.

Figure 3 shows the method of drawing the springing lines on the walls; the plan and the rib over the diagonal of the plan being given agreeably to the elevation, *fig. 2*. Here the plan is the square ABCD, and the rib over the diagonal of the square is DEFB.

From the centre V, with a radius equal to half the side of the square, describe the arc gPG, which will touch the two sides DC, CB, of the square, at P and G, which are each in the middle of these sides; and let the arc, thus described, cut the line BD at *g*. Draw *gx*, perpendicular to DB, cutting the curve DE at *h*.

Let QG, RI, SL, TN, UC, be the seats of the ribs for one-eighth part of the whole; and since these are similar to those in every other eighth part, their formation will be sufficient for the whole of the ribs; since there will be four ribs, for every one of those in the eighth part, exactly alike, so that each rib becomes a mould for three more. The plans QG, RI, SL, TN, UC, divide any arc described from the centre, V, into four equal parts, and terminate upon the side BC of the square, in the points G, I, L, N. Draw GH, IK, LM, NO, perpendicular to BC; also draw *iy, lz, nŝ*, perpendicular to DB, cutting the under edge DE of the rib over the diagonal in the points *k, m, o*. Make GH, IK, LM, NO, each respectively equal to *gh, ik, lm, no*; then the curve HKMOC being drawn, will be half the springing line over BC; the other half, being made similar, will be the whole of the springing line. This springing line will serve as a mould for drawing the springing lines upon each of the four walls. As all the ribs are portions of a circle of the same radius, that is, they will have the same curvature as the edge DE of the rib which stands upon the diagonal; the portion of each rib will be *Dh, Dk, Dm, Do*, cut by the lines *hx, ky, mz, oŝ*.

Figure 4 shows the springing lines for each wall, agreeably to the plan and elevation, *fig. 1*. The method is exactly the same as that described for *fig. 3*; and thus any farther description will not be necessary.

PURLINS IN CIRCULAR ROOFS.

IN *plate XX*, *figures 1 and 2*, are the orthographical projections of a conical and domical roof; No. 1 being the plan, and No. 2 the elevation.

The first thing to be done is, to draw the contour both of the plan and elevation. In the one extreme rafter let *gfeh* be the section of the purlin. Round the angular points *g, f, e, h*, describe the square *abcd*: then will *fb, fc, bg, ce, ag, de, ha, hd*, be the parts that are to be gauged off, after having been squared to the circular plan.

In church-building, it frequently happens that the windows are either carried entirely across the gallery-floors, or their heads considerably above the ceilings of those floors; in either case, the light is so much intercepted, that it is necessary to hollow out the ceiling, in order to obtain a sufficient quantity of light. This may be done in a very elegant manner, when the head of the window is circular. For, if we conceive an oblique cylinder, forming the head of the window, in the segment of the circle, which is the base of the cylinder to be inserted, and to displace a portion of the ceiling, that portion of the ceiling must therefore be a cylindric surface, and the hollow required to be formed. Now, it is evident that, if ribs are formed to curves of the same circle as the head of the window, and set in vertical planes, or parallel to the surfaces of the windows, and properly ranged, they will form the cylindric surface required.

Let the segment *ABC*, *fig. 3*, (No. 1, *pl. XX*,) be the head of the window, and let the chord *AC* be the ceiling-line. Divide the arc into two equal parts, *AB, BC*, and divide *AB* into any number of equal parts; as here into five. Through the points of division, draw lines parallel to *AC*. In No. 2, suppose *GH* to be the length intended for the curb. Suppose now that planes, parallel to the axis of the cylinder, in No. 1, pass through the chord *AC*, and through the points 1, 2, 3, 4, all parallel to each other, and to be cut by the plane of the ceiling; the sections of these planes with the ceiling will divide

the ceiling into parts, which will have the same ratio as the parts Ba, ab, bc, cd, dD . Hence, if we take GH , No. 2, as a radius, and in No. 1, from A , describe an arc at I , cutting the line BI parallel to AC ; then the lines passing through the points $A, 1, 2, 3, 4$, parallel to AC , will divide AI in the same proportion as the planes, parallel to the axis, will divide the ceiling line; therefore mark out the divisions, thus cut in the line AI , upon GH , No. 2, and let e, f, g, h , be these divisions. Through the points e, f, g, h, G , draw the perpendiculars ei, fk, gl, hm, GE . Make ai, fk, gl, hm , No. 2, respectively equal to $a4, b3, c2, d1, DA$, No. 1; then make the figure symmetrical upon the base FE ; then the curve EHF is the inside of the curb. As to the outside of the curb, it may be of any form whatever. The segment, whose chord is AC , is the form of the rib to be set upon EF , and the segment which has $2n$ for its base, No. 1, stands upon lo , No. 2, &c.

As to the divisions of the line GH , they may be found as in *fig. 4*.

Figure 1, pl. XXI, is a design for an ellipsoidal dome, the plan being elliptic, and one of the vertical sections circular. The ribs are constructed without trusses. In order to divide them as equally as possible, a purlin is introduced, to support the upper ends of the jack-ribs. As this dome is supposed to rise from an elliptic well-hole, the timbers are carried below the base, from a, b, c, d, e, f . No. 1 is the elevation, No. 2 the plan, showing the upper face of the wall-plate, purlin, and curb. Nos. 3, 5, 7, are the entire ribs, to be placed upon A, C, E , in the plan; and 4, 6, 8, are the jack-ribs, to be placed upon B, D, F , on the plan. The upper ends of all the ribs terminate upon the curb, or upon the purlin, with a *sally*, or *bird's mouth*, which is the usual method of fitting them.

Figure 2, pl. XXI, is a design for an hemispherical dome, constructed in the same manner as the elliptic dome, *fig. 1*.

In large roofs, constructed of a domical form, without trussing, the ribs may be made in two or more thicknesses, in such a manner that the common abutment of every two pieces, in the same ring, may fall as distant as possible from the abutment of any other two pieces, in a different ring. The number of purlins must depend upon the diameter of the dome.

To find the form of the boards for an ellipsoidal dome, the plan being an ellipse, and the vertical section upon the axis-minor a semi-circle; so that the joints of the boards may be in planes passing through the axis-major of the plan.

Let ABCD, No. 1, *pl.* XXII, be the plan of the dome, AC the axis-major, and DB the axis-minor; E the centre. From E, with the distance ED, or EB, describe the semi-circle BFD. Divide the arc into such a number of equal parts, that one of them may be equal to the breadth of a board, and let the points of division be at 1, 2, 3, 4, &c. Draw the lines 1*a*, 2*b*, 3*c*, 4*d*, perpendicular to BD, cutting BD at the points *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*. Then, upon AC, as an axis-major, and upon Ea, Eb, Ec, Ed, as so many axes-minor, describe the semi-ellipses, AaC, AbC, AcC, AdC, which will represent the joints of the boards upon one side of the dome. Now, since all the sections of this dome, through the line AC, are identical figures, the vertical section, upon the line AC, will be identical to the half plan ABC, or ADC. Divide, therefore, BA into any number of equal parts, by the points of division *e*, *f*, *g*, *h*, *i*, *k*, *l*; the more, the truer the operation. Draw the straight lines *em*, *fn*, *go*, *hp*, *iq*, *kr*, *ls*, perpendicular to AC, cutting AC at the points *m*, *n*, *o*, *p*, *q*, *r*, *s*, and the semi-ellipse AdC, in the points *t*, *u*, *v*, *w*, *x*, *y*, *z*. On the straight line, GH, No. 2, set off the equal parts, Em, mn, no, &c., from each side of the centre E, each equal to one of the equal parts Be, ef, fg, &c., in the semi-elliptic curve, ABC, in the plan No. 1. Through the points *m*, *n*, *o*, *p*, &c., No. 2, draw *tt*, *uu*, *vv*, &c., perpendicular to GH. Make *mt*, *nt*, each equal to *mt* in the plan No. 1; and *nu*, *nv*, No. 2, each equal to *nu* in the plan No. 1; then, through all the points *t*, *u*, *v*, &c., draw a curve on each side of the line AC, to reach from A to C, and each curve will be the edge of a board.

No. 3 shows the longitudinal elevation; *viz.* on the line AC of the plan.

No. 4 exhibits the transverse elevation, the contour being identical to that of the section on the line AB.

DESIGNS FOR PARTITIONS.

PARTITIONS, in Carpentry, are the ribs of timber used for sustaining the lath and plaster.

It is evident that all single pieces of timber, when supported only at each extremity, will descend more and more towards the middle, and will obtain a curvature; but, if supported from any fixed points, will prevent that deflexion from the straight line.

Figure 1, pl. XXIII, is a design for a TRUSS PARTITION, with a door in the middle. In order to keep the timbers from descending, two braces are introduced, one on each side of the door-way, and the weight is discharged at each extremity of the sill. The two struts, which support the middle of these braces, are supported at the lower extremities on the bottom of the door-posts. Now the door-posts cannot descend, without pressing down the braces, and the braces cannot descend without forcing down the extreme post; but, as each end of the foot-beam, or sill, is supported, the extreme posts cannot descend; therefore the two braces cannot descend, and the posts on each side of the door-way cannot descend; consequently, the timbers will keep straight. But the weight of the quarters will still have a tendency to bind the braces: in order to prevent this effectually, the parabolic arch is here introduced.

Figure 2, pl. XXIII, is a design for a partition with two door-ways, one of them being a folding door. Here the braces on each side of the large opening not being each supported at each extremity of the sill, and as the space is not interrupted by openings, a complete truss is introduced above the two apertures, particularly as there is sufficient height for the action of the braces.

DESIGNS FOR ROOFS.

Figure 1, pl. XXIV, is a design for a roof, of a very narrow span, having only one collar-beam, without a tie at the bottom. In this example the collar-beam acts as a tie, and is, therefore, in a state of tension: this ought not to be employed over a space exceeding fifteen or twenty feet wide.

Figure 2 is a design for a roof with a tie-beam at the foot, and a collar-beam. Here the case is different; since the tie-beam is in a state of tension; the collar-beam is merely employed in keeping out the rafters, and is, therefore, in a state of compression. This truss may be employed where the span is from twenty to twenty-eight feet in width. If the two sides of this truss are equally loaded, it will remain stationary; but, if unequally, the equilibrium will be destroyed. This truss, without additional timbers, does not afford any support to the tie-beam.

Figure 3 is a truss free from these inconveniences; the tie-beam being supported by two struts or braces.

Figure 4, No. 1, in pl. XXIV, represents the side of a truss, with the ends of a longitudinal frame for supporting the tops of the rafters, which are here exhibited. No. 2 exhibits the frame as seen in the length of the roof, and is divided into several compartments, by means of a middle and two side posts. The ends of this longitudinal truss are fixed in the gables or cross-walls.

Figure 5, No. 1, is a design for a truss, with a king-post and two queen-posts. Here the manner in which the tie-beam is supported upon the wall-plates is shown. The sections of the pole-plates and purlins are also exhibited. No. 2, of this figure, shows the manner of notching down the small rafter upon the purlins, and the manner of notching the purlins upon the principals. No. 3 exhibits the manner in which the purlins are notched, to receive the small rafters, and in which the principals are notched, in order to receive the purlins. No. 4 shows the form of the tenon at the end of the

principal rafters, and the form of the rafter-feet; and No. 5, the manner in which the beam is mortised, in order to receive the feet of the principals. This roof is well adapted for the covering of an area of sixty feet span. Here the braces are all directed to the purlins which support the small rafters, and the small rafters the covering; so that the whole is firmly supported without danger.

Figure 1, pl. XXV, exhibits the design of a truss adapted to a sixty feet span. But, in this design, there is an opening in the middle, which is useful when rooms in the roof are required.

Figure 2, pl. XXV, is another design for a truss, with four purlins. This design may be employed in the covering of a span which extends between sixty and seventy feet.

Figure 3 is a design for a truss, which may be employed in a span extending from sixty to seventy feet, or even more, depending on the strength of the timbers. Instead of the posts, oblique ties are used.

Figure 4 is the design for a truss, where the purlins are supported by uprights, which rest upon arches: the tie-beam may be also suspended from the arches.

Figure 1, pl. XXVI, is another design for a truss. Here the posts are all made double and bolted; the braces, *ab*, *ab*, on each side, are supposed to be very stiff pieces of iron, shouldered on the inside, and nitted under the tie-beam, and under the principal rafters. This makes a very strong and good roof.

In order to make room for lofty apartments, when the building is of a limited height, and when a coved ceiling is required, the tie-beam must be placed above the feet of the principal rafter. *Figures 2, 3, and 4*, are designs for this purpose.

In *fig. 2* the bracing timbers are halved together, and the posts are made double and bolted together. In *fig. 3* the two braces, which perform the office of a king-post, or two queen-posts, are made double and bolted together. In *fig. 4* the braces which join the rafter-feet and the king-post are made double, and bolted together: the queen-posts are mortised into the tie-beam and into the principal rafters, and the collar-beam into the queen-posts.

Figure 1, pl. XXVII, is the design for the truss of a kirb-roof, with a door in the middle.

Figure 2 is the design for the truss of a kirb-roof, with two doors, one at each extremity. In this example the king-post is made double, and the two braces nearest the bottom. This mode of fixing posts and braces is much firmer than bare mortising and tenoning.

Figure 3 is a design for a flat roof, to be covered with lead.

Figure 1, pl. XXVIII, is the design for a roof in several stages, adapted to warehouses. The explanation of the several parts are as follow: *Figure 2* is the longitudinal truss for the upright frames, which rest upon the main tie-beams, and which support the oblique parts that connect the upper stage. *Figure 3* exhibits the longitudinal truss in the side of the roof, and which may be made into windows. *Figures 4 and 5* show the abutting joints, made of cast-iron, for receiving the lower and upper ends of the braces. *Figure 6* shows the cast-iron abutments used in the truss, *fig. 2*.

Plate XXIX exhibits the various methods for TRUSSING GIRDERS.

Figure 1, No. 1, exhibits the side of a trussed girder with two braces, or trusses, as they are called. Here it is proper to observe that, though the sides should be firmly bolted together, the two braces should be entirely clear of the bolts, except at their lower extremities. No. 2 is the plan of the truss.

Figure 2 is the design for a truss-girder in three parts, with two queen-bolts. No. 1 is the side, or elevation, of the truss; and No. 2, the plan of the same.

Figure 3 is a section of either of the above-mentioned truss-girders, at the abutments.

Figure 4, a section of the king-bolt, nut, and washer, across the girder.

Figure 5 is a section of the king-bolt, *fig. 1, No. 1*, taken longitudinally, and exhibiting the nut and part of the braces.

Figure 6 is another design for a truss-girder, divided into four parts. But here it must be observed that, as the depth of the timber is not great, the effort of the braces to prevent the falling of the girder must be greatly insufficient; and, therefore, if height will allow, the proportion shown in *fig. 7* will fully answer the purpose.

CHAPTER III.

JOINERY.*

JOINERY is the art of uniting and framing wood, for the internal and external finishing of buildings. In Joinery, therefore, it is requisite that all the parts shall be much more nicely adjusted to each other than in carpentry, and all the surfaces which are to be exhibited to the eye shall be made perfectly smooth.

The wood employed in Joinery is denominated STUFF; and of this there are BOARDS, PLANKS, and BATTENS; thus distinguished according to their breadths: BATTENS are from two to seven inches wide; BOARDS, from seven to nine inches; and PLANKS, from nine inches to any indefinite breadth.

The OPERATIONS of JOINERY consist in making surfaces of various forms; also of GROOVING, REBATING, MOULDING, MORTISING, and TENONING.

SURFACES, in Joinery, may be either plane or curved; but they are most frequently plane. Every kind of surface is first formed in the rough, and then finished by means of tools, which will be described hereafter.

GROOVING and REBATING consist in taking or abstracting a part which is every where of a rectangular section. A REBATE is formed close to the edge of the stuff; and a GROOVE, at some distance from the edge.

A MORTISE is a cavity formed within the surface, for the purpose of receiving the end of a piece of timber, to be joined at a given angle. The end, which must be very nicely fitted into the mortise, in order to make the two

* CENTERINGS, STRENGTH OF TIMBER, &c.—It may here be proper to notice that a Chapter on CENTERINGS, particularly the CENTERINGS OF BRIDGES, with the application of timber to other purposes than those already explained, will follow the present Chapter on Joinery: in the same Chapter we shall, also, treat on the COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF TIMBER, &c.

pieces as strong as possible, is called a **TENON**. As the sides of the mortise are generally perpendicular to the sides of the stuff, and at some distance from the sides of the piece in which the mortise is, a tenon is generally stopped by projecting sides, which are closely fitted upon the side of the piece of wood in which the mortise is made; and the parallel faces of both are made flush, and so closely united, as to appear almost like one single piece. The surface of the piece which has the tenon, and which comes in contact with the surface of the piece in which the mortise is made, is called the *shoulder* of the tenon.

FRAMES are joined together, so as generally to form externally a rectangle, and internally one, two, or more, rectangular openings: these openings are closed with thin boards, fitted into grooves round the edges, called **PANELS**. In ornamental work, the edges of the frame next to the panels, the two extreme vertical pieces of the frame, are denominated the **STILES**; all the cross-pieces are denominated **RAILS**; and vertical pieces, that separate the panels, **MOUNTINGS**.

PLANKS are joined together by planing the edges straight and square, and rubbing them together with hot glue until the glue has been almost forced out of the joint; then the ends and the proper faces being brought to their places, the rubbing is stopped, and, when the glue is quite dry, the two boards thus fixed will be almost as strong as one entire board.

MOULDINGS have several names, according to their forms, connexion, situation, or size. When the edge of a thin slip of wood is semi-circular, it is said to be *rounded*.

Figure 1, plate XXX, represents the section of a piece rounded on the edge.

When a semi-cylinder is formed on the edge of a piece of wood, within both surfaces, so that the diameter may be parallel to one side, this semi-cylinder is called a **BEAD**; and the recess, between the surface of the cylinder and the solid wood upon the side, which is parallel to its diameter, is denominated a **QUIRK**; and the whole part thus formed is called a **BEAD and QUIRK**.

Figure 2, plate XXX, is the section of a piece of wood, where a bead and quirk is run on the edge.

BEAD and DOUBLE QUIRK is when a three-quarter cylinder is run on the edge, so that the surface of the cylinder may touch each adjoining face.

Figure 3 exhibits the section of a *bead and double quirk*.

A TORUS-MOULDING consists of a semi-cylinder, and two rectangular surfaces, one perpendicular to the diameter, and the other in the diameter produced.

Figure 4 is a *torus moulding*: the small rectangular surface in the plane of the diameter is denominated a FILLET.

Figure 5 exhibits the section of a DOUBLE TORUS.

A FLUTE is the concave surface of the section of a cylinder or cylindroid, depressed within the surface of a piece of wood.

Figure 6 exhibits the section of a piece of wood with three *flutes*.

When a piece of wood is formed into two or more semi-cylinders, touching each other, the semi-cylinders are called REEDS, and the piece of wood is said to be *reeded*.

Figure 7 exhibits the section of a piece of wood with four *reeds* wrought upon it.

Figure 8 is the section of a moulding denominated a QUARTER ROUND. It consists of the fourth part of the convex surface of a cylinder.

Figure 9 is the section of a moulding denominated a CAVETTO, consisting of the fourth part of the concave surface of a cylinder.

Figure 10 is the section of a CYMA-RECTA, consisting of a quarter round and cavetto, joined together by one common tangent plane; each part being the quarter of the surface of a cylinder, the one concave, and the other convex.

To draw this curve, join the extremities *a* and *c* of the moulding: bisect *ac* in the point *b*, and draw *de* parallel to the longitudinal direction of the moulding; make *ad* and *ce* perpendicular to *de*; from *d*, with the radius *da*, describe the arc *ab*; from *e*, with the radius *ce*, describe the arc *bc*; and *abc* is the moulding required.

Figure 11 is also the section of a *cyma-recta*, of which the concave and convex parts are equal portions of a cylinder, but each portion less than the quarter.

To draw this curve, join the extremities *a* and *b*, and bisect *ab* in *c*: from *a*, with the radius *ac*, describe an arc *ce*; and from *b*, with the radius *bc*, describe an arc, *cd*; from *c*, with the radius *ca*, describe an arc, *ae*, as also the arc *bd*. With the same radius, from the centre *e*, describe the arc *ac*; and with the same radius, from the centre *d*, describe the arc *cb*; then *acb* is the curve, which is the section of the surface of the moulding.

Figure 12 is the section of a moulding of the OGEE kind, called a *CYMA-REVERSA*: this moulding is of the same form as the *cyma-recta*, except that, in the *cyma-recta*, the concave portion of the moulding is the most remote from the eye; whereas, in the *cyma-reversa*, the convex part is the most remote from the eye.

Figure 13 is the section of a moulding called a *SCAPE*, which is composed of the quarter of the circumference of a cylinder, and a plane surface, which is a tangent to the cylindric surface, in the line of their meeting.

Figure 14, part of the section of an *ovolo* with three *fillets*, which, when circular, or encompassing a column, are called *ANNULETS*.

Figure 15 is the section of a moulding denominated a *QUIRKED OVOLO*. The method of drawing it is thus: Suppose it were required to touch the line *de* at the point *d*: draw *dg* perpendicular to *de*; describe the circle *bci*; make *df* equal to the radius of the circle *bci*, and join *af*. Bisect *af* by a perpendicular, *gh*, meeting *af* in *h*; then, with the radius *dg*, describe the arc *db*: *dbc* will then be the *ovolo* required.

Figure 16 is the section of a concave moulding called a *SCOTIA*. To form this moulding, describe the circle *dabf*, and draw *cd* perpendicular to the fillet. Make *cg* equal to the radius of the circle to be described, and let *e* be the centre of that circle: join *ge*, and bisect *ge* by the perpendicular *df*: from *d*, with the radius *dc*, describe the arc *cb*, and *cba* will be the *scotia* required.

Figure 17 exhibits the METHOD OF DRAWING AN OVAL, to any length and breadth required. Draw the greater axis *AC*, and let *r* be the centre;

through r draw BD , perpendicular to AC . Make rA and rC each equal to the semi-greater axis, and rB and rD each equal to the semi-lesser axis. Take half the difference of the two semi-axes from the lesser semi-axis, and, with the remaining part, as a radius, from the centre e , describe the arc gAf . Make Bn equal to Ae , and join en . Bisect en by the perpendicular om , meeting BD at m : join me , and produce me to f . Make rl equal to rm , and join le , and produce le to g . Make rh equal to re ; join lh , and produce lh to k ; also, join mh , and produce mh to i . With the centre m , and the radius mf , describe the arc fBi ; and, from the centre l , with the radius lg , describe the arc gDk ; lastly, from the centre h , and with the radius hk , describe the arc kCi , which will complete the oval required.

Figure 18 represents the section of a piece of wood which is said to be rebated. *Figure 19*, the section of a piece of wood said to be grooved. *Figure 20*, the sections of two pieces of stuff, grooved and tongued together: No. 1 shows the tongue, and No. 2 the groove, so adapted to each other that they may be joined closely together. This method is used where it is required to join many boards together, so as to make one board, in order to prevent wind or air from coming through the joints between every two boards.

Figure 21 represents the section of a piece of stuff said to be rebated and beaded.

ON THE VARIOUS FORMS OF FRAMING BOARDS WITH THEIR EDGES JOINED, SO AS TO FORM A RIGHT ANGLE, ONE BOARD WITH ANOTHER. *Pl. XXXI.*

Figure 1 shows the method of mitreing the ends of boards for dado,* or the like, at an external angle.

Figures 2 and 3, the method of joining troughs together. *Figure 3* may also be applied to joining dado together, at an internal angle.

Figure 4, the method of joining any kind of linings together, at an external angle; a bead being stuck on the edge, in order to conceal the joint.

* By *dado* is meant the plane surface between the base and surbase of a room, or between the base and cornice of the pedestal of a column.

Figure 5, a plane *mitre*, used for various purposes; but, on account of its weakness, the method in *fig. 1* is to be preferred.

Figure 6 is another method of joining angles by a plain *rebate*.

Figure 7 exhibits the method of *dove-tailing*: No. 1 represents the pins or male part, and the other the female dovetails.

Figure 8 shows the method of making secret dovetails. At No. 1 the ends of the male dovetails are shown; *fig. 8* itself is the outside. No. 2 shows the section of both parts.

OF DOORS. (Pl. XXXII.)

Figure 1 represents a SIX-PANEL DOOR, having *ovolo* and *fillet* on the stiles, with plane panels.

Figure 2 represents FOLDING DOORS, which meet together upon a lap-joint, exhibiting a bead on both sides of the door.

Figure 3 exhibits BEAD and BUTT.

Figure 4, BEAD and FLUSH. The difference between bead and butt and bead and flush is this: In bead and butt, the bead is run on the edges of the panel; but in bead and flush, the bead is run round all the four edges of the frame.

Figure 5, section of part of the stile and panel of a square frame.

Figure 6, section of part of a stile and panel moulded with quirk-ovolo and fillet; the panel being flat on both sides.

Figure 7, section of part of a stile and panel, having quirked ovolo and bead on the framing, with square panel.

Figure 8, section of a part of the stile and panel of a door, with quirked semi-reversa on the framing.

OF WINDOWS. (*Pl. XXXIII.*)

Figure 1, No. 1, the elevation of a window.

No. 2, section of the meeting bars, with a small portion of the stiles fixed to each.

No. 3 shows the method of joining the intersecting bars, with the method of doweling them together.

No. 4, the elevation of the intersection; showing part of each branch or bar.

No. 5, the section of one of the bars, being *astragal* and hollow.

No. 6, a plane diminished bar for shop-fronts.

No. 7, section of a bar with a Gothic point, instead of an astragal.

No. 8, section of a Gothic bar.

No. 9, section of a clustered bar, with two reeds on each side of the centre.

No. 10, section of the stile of the sash-frame, with the astragal and hollow mouldings.

BASES AND SURBASES FOR ROOMS. (*Pl. XXXIV.*)

Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, are all sections of SURBASE-MOULDINGS, differently designed.

Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, are four different designs for BASE-MOULDINGS.

ARCHITRAVES AND PILASTERS. (*Pl. XXXV.*)

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, are sections for different designs of ARCHITRAVES.

Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, sections for different designs of PILASTERS.

DIMINUTION OF COLUMNS. (*Pl. XXXVI.*)

To *diminish a column* is to give such a form to the surface, that the sections through the axis will all form convex curves on their edges.

To DIMINISH THE SHAFT OF A COLUMN, as in *fig. 1*.—Draw the line representing the axis, on which set off the height of the column; then, from any point in the continuation of this line, at the bottom, describe a semi-circle, of a radius equal to that of the bottom of the column, and let the diameter of this semi-circle be perpendicular to the line of the axis. Through each extremity of the axis, draw the diameter of the shaft, at the top and bottom of the column. Through one extremity of the diameter of the top of the column draw a line parallel to the axis, to meet the circumference of the semi-circle. Divide the portion of the arc, between the point of section and the diameter, into any convenient number of equal parts; the more, the truer the result will be. Divide the height, or axis, of the column into as many equal parts as those contained in the arc of the semi-circle; and through the points of division, both in the semi-circle and in the axis, draw lines perpendicular to that axis. Through each point, beginning at the bottom of the arc, draw a line, parallel to the axis of the column, to meet its respective diameter; then, through all the points of section, draw a curve, which will form the contour of the shaft, or a section of the column through its axis.

In *figure 2*, instead of dividing the arc into equal parts, divide the distance intercepted on the axis and on the radius of the semi-circle into equal parts, and proceed as in *fig. 1*.

To DRAW THE FLUTES OF A COLUMN, as in *fig. 3*.—Draw a semi-circle and the axis of a column, as before. Divide the arc of the semi-circle into as many equal parts as it is to contain flutes; and, because the number of flutes are twenty, and the middle of a flute in the middle of the elevation of

the shaft, the semi-circle is divided into ten equal parts, and half a part, at the extremity of the diameter. Then, having found the diameters at the different heights of the shaft, as in *fig. 1*, on the lower diameter describe an equilateral triangle. Draw lines through each point of division in the semi-circle, parallel to the axis, to cut the base of the equilateral triangle. From the points of section in the base, draw lines to the vertex. Apply each diameter from the vertex, on the side of the equilateral triangle, and mark the extremity of that side. Through each point of section, on the side, draw lines parallel to the base; and these lines will give the divisions of the flutes, which, being placed on the lines passing through the axis of the shaft, will give the points through which the flutes are to be drawn.

In the corresponding points stick in pins, or nails, and bend a pliable slip of wood round the nails, which will form the curve-line of one side of a flute: do the same for all the remaining sets of points, and we shall obtain the representation of the flutes required. The representation of the shaft thus fluted is shown in *fig. 4*.

Figure 5 exhibits the *diminishing rule*, which is to be applied to the side of the shaft, in order to form the curve of the surface of the shaft, as required.

ON THE METHOD OF SETTING-OUT THE FLUTES AND FILLETS OF PILASTERS AND COLUMNS. (*Pl. XXXVII.*)

TO SET OUT the FLUTES and FILLETS of a PILASTER; *figure 1*.—Let us now suppose that the breadth of a flute is to that of a fillet as four to one; and, that the breadth of the fillet, at the corner, is double to one of the intermediate fillets, or half the breadth of one of the flutes.

In the line BC, set off any convenient distance; set another interval, double of that distance; then the next part equal to half: repeat the intervals, so that an interval of one may be between every two intervals of

four; and that the intervals of four may be seven in number, and the intervals of one six in number; and that there may be an interval of two upon each extreme.

Then, with the distance BC, containing all the intervals, describe an equilateral triangle ABC. Draw lines to A from every point of division in BC. Now, it being understood that the distance BC is not less than the breadth of the pilaster to be divided; therefore, on each of the sides of the equilateral triangle, make *Ad* and *Ae* equal to the breadth of the pilaster, and draw the line *de*; then will *de* be equal to the breadth of the pilaster, and will be divided into the number of flutes and fillets required.

Nothing farther is necessary than to lay the parts of the line thus divided upon the edge of a rod; and thus the divisions may be transferred to each end of the pilaster.

Figure 2 exhibits ANOTHER METHOD of DIVIDING the FLUTES and FILLETS of a PILASTER. The parts being placed on the line AB, in the manner before described, draw BC at any angle, so that the distance between the point A and the line BC may be less than the breadth of the pilaster. Through all the points of section in AB, draw lines parallel to BC: then take the breadth of the pilaster, with a rod or compasses; and with that distance, as a radius, describe an arc from A, cutting the line BC in D, and draw AD: then apply AD as before.

If the sides of the pilaster are convex, the several breadths must be taken equi-distantly throughout its length, and the divisions applied to the lines in the breadth of the pilaster at each part.

The flutes and fillets may be transferred to different circles, taken equi-distantly on the surface of a column, in the same manner; but, instead of applying the parts upon a rod, they must be applied upon as many slips of parchment as the number of circumferences taken in the height of the column. But, in order to regulate the flutes, so that their edges may be all in planes passing through the axis of the column, draw a line on the surface of the column, so as to form the edge of a flute or fillet, or the middle of a flute or fillet; then one of the ends of the slip may be applied to the line

where each circle intersects it, and the slip itself stretched round the circumference till the other end meets the line again; then mark the divisions of the flutes and fillets on the circumference of the column. Through every row of equi-distant points, on the circumference of the column, from the line previously drawn, draw a line, which will be the line of demarcation of a flute and fillet.

Figure 3 shows the METHOD of DRAWING the FLUTES and FILLETS of a DORIC COLUMN. One particular to be observed in this, is, that a plane, passing through the axis of the column, must pass through the middle of a flute, when that plane is perpendicular to the front, and when it is parallel to the front.

The whole circumference of the Doric column is generally divided into twenty equal parts, by the arrises of the flutes, which terminate upon each other, without the intervention of fillets.

Figure 4 shows the METHOD of DESCRIBING the FLUTES and FILLETS on the shaft of the IONIC, CORINTHIAN, and COMPOSITE COLUMNS: and here we must observe that, as in the Doric, a plane passing through the axis, perpendicular to the front, in which the column stands, generally passes through the middle of a flute; and, that a plane, passing through the axis, parallel to the front, passes also through the middle of a flute.

The number of flutes and fillets in the Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite orders, are generally twenty-four each; the fillet being about one-fifth part of the breadth of a flute.

Figures 5 and 6 show the METHOD of GLUING UP the SHAFT of a COLUMN in staves. The number may be more as the diameter of the column is greater. In the example before us, the number of staves is eight; therefore we must describe circles, one to the diameter of the top, and another to the diameter of the bottom, of the column, and circumscribe an octagon round each circle; then draw another octagon, of which the sides are parallel to those of the octagon already drawn; so that the distance of the parallel sides of the octagons may be equal to the proper thickness of stuff required to make the

shaft of the column. From the angles of the octagon draw lines to the centre, which will give the directions of the joints; but, though the angle shown by the bevel in *fig. 5*, would not differ sensibly from the truth, the proper method to find it is the same as finding the backing of a hip-rafter; and, if the outside of the column is curved, it will be eligible to apply the bevel from the inside; because, if applied to the convex side of the column, every different place would require a different angle.

METHODS OF TAKING DIMENSIONS AND HINGEING.

THE TAKING of DIMENSIONS depends upon the method of describing a triangle, from the three sides being given: therefore, let ABC, (*fig. 1*, *pl. XXXVIII*.) be the three given sides of a triangle: draw the straight line A in any convenient place, as DE: from D, with the straight line B, as a radius, describe an arc at F; and, from E, with the straight line C, as a radius, describe another arc, cutting the former in F; join DF and FE: then will DEF be the triangle required.

In order to take the dimensions of a place which is to receive a piece of framing, make an eye-draught, as in *fig. 2*, No. 1; and upon each line mark the dimensions of the sides; then take the lengths of these sides from the scale, *fig. 3*, and find the angular points of the triangle, No. 2: having cut each piece of stuff to its proper length, scribe each edge down to its place; then lay together the ends which are to meet, one piece being on the top of the other, and draw the shoulders of the joints.

When the place which is to receive the framing consists of more than three sides, sketch the figure, as before; draw lines from one corner to every other corner, and mark the dimensions upon these lines, and the dimensions of each side of the figure upon its respective line. This is fully exemplified in *figures 4 and 5*, taken from the same scale.

Figure 6 exhibits the METHOD of HINGEING ONE FLAP TO ANOTHER, the joint being what may be termed a *lap-joint*. The centre of the hinge is placed opposite to the joint.

When one flap revolves upon another, it is sometimes required to throw the edge of the flap, when folded close upon the back of the other, at a given distance: to do this, the centre of the hinge must be placed at half that distance from the joint: this is exemplified in *fig. 7*.

Figure 8 shows the METHOD of HINGEING a RULE-JOINT, the axis of the hinge being in the axis of the cylindric surface that forms the rule-joint.

Figure 9 shows one of the flaps folded upon the other.

This method is sometimes used in window-shutters, though mostly in furniture.

HINGEING DOORS AND SHUTTERS. (*Pl. XXXIX.*)

Figure 1, Nos. 1 and 2, represents the form of the joint of two stiles, in order to fit each other. No. 3 shows the same when hinged together.

Figure 2, Nos. 1 and 2, exhibits a plane-joint, beaded alike on both sides: No. 3 shows the same when hinged together.

Figure 3, Nos. 1. and 2, exhibits the same thing with a double-lapped joint. No. 3 shows the two parts put together.

Figure 4, Nos. 1 and 2, shows the same thing, with a single-lapped joint.

Figure 5 exhibits the manner of hingeing the shutter to the sash-frame.

Figure 6 exhibits the manner of hanging the door upon centres.

Figure 7 shows the method of hingeing shutters, so as to conceal the hinges.

MOULDINGS ON THE SPRING. (Pl. XL.)

Figure 1 is the elevation of a cylindric body. At the upper end, G and I are the profiles of a cornice, or section of a cornice, to be put round the cylindric body. If the moulding is formed from a solid piece, it must be formed in short lengths; for, if the pieces are very long, the grain will run across them, and will render the pieces weak, and make the moulding very ugly.

In order to prevent the crossing, as much as possible, the best way is to reduce it, by cutting off the right angle by a plane, as nearly parallel to the face as possible; and the moulding may be bent in the same manner as in covering the frustum of a right cone. Thus may the moulding be got out of a thin board. Bisect the breadth DF, in the point E, and draw EH parallel to FG or DI. Produce the back of the cornice, *kl*, to meet the line of axis in *m*; then, from the point *m*, as a centre, with the distances from *m* to each edge of the fillets and moulding, describe arcs, and these will represent the lines for working the mouldings on the board.

Figure 2 shows the method of describing the mouldings when put round the segment of a cylinder. Here the whole semi-circle must be completed, and the moulding placed as before, and described after the same manner.

Figure 3 exhibits the method of describing the moulding for the interior surface of a cylinder.

Figure 4, the section of a base moulding, to be bent on the spring.

Figure 5, a cornice, where the mouldings are almost in a straight line. This is well adapted for the surface of a cylindric body.

Figure 6 is the profile of a cornice, where the cyma-recta only is intended to be sprung. Here this part must be bracketed behind, in order to keep it firmly in its place. The corona and the bed-moulding are made of a solid piece.

RAKING MOULDINGS. (Pl. XLI.)

WHEN a building has a pediment, with mouldings or a horizontal cornice, crowning the walls, and a pediment, with a similar cornice, upon the rake, the upper mouldings are mitred together, so that the mitre-plane may be perpendicular to the horizon: this renders the sections of the upper member of the horizontal cornice, and that of the pediment, dissimilar in their right section: the question then is, having the section of the one, how to find the section of the other. But, since the horizontal cornices are generally wrought first, the section of the horizontal moulding at the top is given, in order to find that of the pediment.

Therefore, in *fig. 1*, there is given the horizontal section, *abcdefg*, to find the section of the inclined moulding. Let the points *a, b, c, d, e, f, g*, be any number of points taken at pleasure; draw lines through these points, parallel to the rake; and, also, draw lines through the same points, perpendicular to the horizontal cornice, so that all shall cut any horizontal line in the points *h, i, j, k, l, m, n*. Transfer the distances between the points *h, i, j, k, l, m, n*, any where upon the raking line, to *h', i', j', k', l', m', n'*; and, from these points, draw lines perpendicular to the rake, cutting the inclined lines at the points *a', b', c', d', e', f', g'*; then, through the points *a', b', c', d', e', f', g'*, draw a curve, which will be the section of the inclined moulding.

Again, suppose it were required to return the moulding upon the rake to a level moulding at the top: Upon any horizontal line, transfer the distances between the points *h, i, j, k, l, m, n*, to *h'', i'', j'', k'', l'', m'', n''*; and, from these points, draw lines perpendicular to the level cornice, cutting the raking-lines before drawn at the points *a'', b'', c'', d'', e'', f'', g''*; then, through the points *a'', b'', c'', d'', e'', f'', g''*, draw a curve, which will form the return-moulding at the top.

Figure 2.—The lower section is the horizontal part, and the upper section is that of the upper return-moulding, found in a similar manner to *fig. 1*, excepting that, as the mouldings themselves are circular, the lines drawn through the points *b, c, d*, must also be circular; and, instead of laying the parts between the points, *b, c, d*, &c., upon the raking-line, they must be laid upon a straight line, which is a tangent to the circle.

Figure 3 shows the method of finding the return mouldings for a *raking ovolo*; the lower section being the given moulding, and the upper one that of the return horizontal moulding.

Figure 4 exhibits the method of finding the return of a *raking cavetto*.

PLATE XLII, *fig. 1*, shows the steps of a stair, where the base-moulding continues along the rake, and returns both at the bottom and top of the stair. *Figure 2* exhibits the moulding upon the nosing: *fig. 3*, the raking-mouldings, found as in *fig. 1*, *pl. XLI*. *Figure 4* shows the same thing, when the mouldings are to be placed around an internal space.

Figure 5 represents raking-mouldings for angle-bars of shop-fronts: *abcd*, &c., is the given moulding. Take any number of points, *a, b, c, d*, &c., in the curve, and draw lines, *aa', bb', cc', dd'*, &c., parallel to the face of the window; draw a line perpendicular to the mitre line; then, through the points *a, b, c, d*, &c., draw lines perpendicular to the line of the face of the window, cutting it at the points *e, f, g, h, i*. Transfer the distances between the points *e, f, g, h, i*, upon the line which is drawn perpendicular to the mitre-line, at *e', f', g', h', i'*; then draw lines parallel to the mitre-line, cutting the lines drawn parallel to the front at the points *a', b', c', d'*, &c., and, through the points, *a', b', c', d'*, &c. draw a curve, and it will form one side of the angle-bar: then, making the other similar, the whole angle-bar will be formed.

Figure 6 shows another design of a bar, where the window returns at an obtuse angle. The method of forming the angle-bar is the same as in *fig. 5*.

METHOD OF ENLARGING AND DIMINISHING MOULDINGS. (*Pl. XLIII.*)

THIS depends entirely on the proportion which any two lines, of different lengths, have to one another, when divided in the same ratio. Euclid proves, and indeed it is self-evident, that, if a line be drawn parallel to one side of a triangle, and if lines be drawn from the opposite angle, through any number of points taken in one of the parallels, to cut the other, these two parallels will be divided in the same ratio. This is one of the principles of proportioning cornices. Another method of proportion, emanating from a similar principle, proved by the same geometrician, and which is equally evident, is, when any number of straight lines are drawn parallel to one side of a triangle, so as to cut each of the other two sides in as many points, each of the two sides thus divided have their corresponding segments in the same proportion. Hence we have only to construct a triangle, which shall have two of its sides given; for, if the divisions in one of these lines be given, we may divide the other in the same ratio, by drawing lines parallel to the third side of the triangle: or, according to the first principle, if a straight line be drawn parallel to one side of a triangle, this straight line will divide the triangle into two similar triangles; therefore, if the triangle to be divided be equilateral, the smaller triangle, when divided, will also be equilateral. Therefore, if the divided line be greater than the undivided line, we have only to construct an equilateral triangle, and set the length of the undivided line from one of the angular points upon one of the sides, and draw a straight line through the point of extension, parallel to the side opposite to that angular point; then, placing the parts of the divided line on the greatest of the two parallel lines, we have only to draw lines, through the points of division, to the opposite angle, and the lesser parallel line will be divided in the same proportion.

Let AB, (*fig. 1, pl. XLIII,*) be the height of a cornice, divided by the height of the members into as many segments. Upon AB describe the equilateral triangle ABE; from the points of division in AB draw lines to E. On the side EB or EA, of the triangle, make EH or EG equal to the height of the intended cornice, and draw GH parallel to AB; then GH will contain the heights of the members of the new cornice. The projections are found thus: AC, being the lower line of the cornice, produce AC to D; and, from all the points of projecture, draw lines perpendicular to CD, cutting CD in as many points as the lines thus drawn. The point D, being the extreme projecture, produce the line downwards from D to F, and make DF equal to the perpendicular of the equilateral triangle AEB. Draw lines from the divisions in CD to the point F. Make FK equal to the perpendicular EI, as terminated by the line HG, and draw KL parallel to CD, cutting all the lines drawn from the points of division in CD; then KL will contain the projectures of the new cornice, of which the height is GH: and thus, having the heights and projectures of the members of the new cornice, it may be drawn by the usual rules.

The mouldings of the architrave are proportioned in the same manner. Thus, describing an equilateral triangle MNO; on the height, MN, of the architrave, produce the lines of division in the height to meet the line MN; from the points of division in MN draw lines to O, the apex. Make OQ equal to the height of the new or intended architrave, and draw PQ parallel to MN, and PQ will be divided in the same proportion as MN. To find the projectures, draw RS perpendicular to MN, and describe the equilateral triangle RST. From the points of projecture, in the lines dividing the height, draw lines parallel to MN, cutting RS, the side of the equilateral triangle. Draw lines from the divisions in RS to the opposite angle T. Any where in the line MN make YZ equal to the side RS of the equilateral triangle, and draw YO and ZO, cutting PQ in *a* and *b*. On the side TS, of the small equilateral triangle, make Tc equal to *ab*, and draw *cd* parallel to RS; then *cd* will be divided in the same proportion as RS.

To ENLARGE A CORNICE, according to any given height: *Figure 2.* From any point, V, with a radius equal to the intended height of the cornice,

describe an arc cutting the opposite edge in U ; and the line VU, being drawn, will contain the heights of the members of the new cornice.

To find the Projections.—Draw any line, WX, perpendicular to UV, between the extreme vertical lines of projecture; and, from all the extreme points of projecture, draw verticals to cut the line WX, which will be divided into the proper projectures.

CONSTRUCTION OF CIRCULAR SASHES IN CIRCULAR WALLS. (*Pl. XLIV.*)

TO FORM THE COT-BAR OF THE SASH-FRAME.—*Figure 1* is an elevation of the window. Divide the half arc of the cot-bar, PR, into any number of equal parts, as six; and, from the points of division, draw perpendiculars to the horizontal line ag; transfer the parts of the horizontal line *ab, bc, cd, &c.* to *fig. 2*, from 0 to 1; 1, 2; 2, 3; 3, 4; &c., to 6; and reverse the order from the central point 6, and draw perpendiculars upwards from these points: make the heights of the perpendiculars, *fig. 2*, to correspond to those taken from the plan, *fig. 1*. Through all the points draw curves, which will be the form of the mould for the veneers to be glued in thickness.

To form the Head of the Sash-frame.—Divide the elevation round the outer edge into any number of equal parts, and draw perpendiculars to the chord of the half plan. From the points where these perpendiculars intersect the chord of the half plan, draw ordinates, perpendicular to the chord of the half plan. Make the ordinates FI, GK, HL, &c. equal to B1, C2, D3, &c.; and the ordinates of the inner curve equal to CM, DN, &c.; then, through the points E, I, K, L, &c., draw a curve; and within, through the other points, draw another curve; and this will form the face-mould for the sash-head.

Figure 3 is the development of the soffit of the under side of the sash-head. *Figure 4*, that which is applied to the convex side of the same: so that, by

cutting away the superfluous wood on the outside of the space contained by the two lines, the sash-head will fit the surface of a cylinder made to the radius of the plan of the window.

To find the Radial Bars.—Let $n\gamma$, *fig. 1*, be the place of a radial bar. In $n\gamma$ take any number of points, n, o, p, q , &c., and draw the perpendiculars nv, ow, px, qy , &c., to $n\gamma$. Draw, also, ni, ok, pl, qm , &c., perpendicular to the base-line of the elevation, cutting the base-line at the points a, b, c, d , &c.; and cutting the convex side of the sash at the points e, f, g, h , and the concave side at i, k, l, m , &c. Make the distances nv, ow, px, qy , &c., respectively equal to ai, bk, cl, dm , &c.; and, through the points v, w, x, y , &c., draw a curve, which will form the convex edge of the radial bar. In the lines nv, ow, px, qy , &c., make the distances nr, os, pt, qu , &c., each respectively equal to ae, bf, cg, dh , &c.; and, through the points r, s, t, u , &c., draw another curve, which will give the inner edge of the radial bar.

OF SKYLIGHTS. (*Pl. XLV.*)

SKYLIGHTS are windows in the roofs of houses, and are necessary when light cannot be had in the sides of the room or apartment required to be lighted.

Figure 1, No. 1, is a portion of the Plan of a Square Skylight. No. 2, the Elevation.

To find the Seats of the Hips.—Bisect the angle ABC , No. 1, by the straight line BE ; and bisect the angle BCD by the straight line CE : then BE and CE are the seats of the hips.

To find the Length and Angles of the Hips.—Draw EF perpendicular to CE , and make EF equal to the height of the skylight, and join CF ; then CF is the length of the hip, ECF the angle which it makes with its seat or base, EFC the angle which it makes with the perpendicular.

To find the Backing of the Hips.—From any point G, in EC, draw GL perpendicular to CF, cutting FC in L; and, through G, draw HI, perpendicular to CE, cutting BC in H, and CD in I. In CE make GK equal to GL, and join HK in IK: then will HKI be the angle required.

Figure 2 is the plan and elevation of an octagonal skylight. The method of finding the seats of the hips, their lengths, angles, and backing, is the very same as in the preceding example; and, therefore, any farther explanation will be unnecessary.

Figure 3, an octagonal skylight, cut by the inclined side of a roof. The method of drawing the curb for such a roof requires some explanation, in order to be understood. No. 1 is the *plan*, No. 2, the *elevation*, showing the part above the roof, which is exactly the same as that of a common skylight.

In No. 2, through the summit S, draw ST, parallel to the base, cutting the sloping line of the roof in T.

In No. 3 draw PQ equal to the breadth of the octagon, No. 1. Bisect PQ in U, by a perpendicular, UL. Make UL equal to RT, and join PL and QL. Through L draw KM, parallel to PQ, and make LK and LM each equal to UP or UQ. Draw PM and KQ, cutting each other in I, PL in V, and QL in W. Join VW. Make UC and UD each equal to half the side of the octagon. Draw CK, cutting PL in B, and DM, cutting QL in E. Through I draw NO, parallel to PQ, meeting CK in N, and DM in O. Draw NM, cutting BL in A, and VW in H: also, draw OK, cutting QL in F, and VW in G; then ABCDEFGHA is the outline or exterior edge of the curb. The interior edge, *abcdefgha*, is drawn by means of the same points, K, L, M, and the edges, *cd* and *hg*, parallel to CD, so as to meet each other upon the diagonals *aI*, *bI*, *cI*, *dI*, &c. This is the same as the perspective representation of the plan, by supposing the eye of the spectator fixed at S, No. 2, RT the section of the picture, and RX a section of the original plane. In this case, K, L, M, No. 3, are called the *vanishing points*; L is the centre of the *vanishing line*; PQ is what is called the *intersecting line*; PK, or QM, is the *height of the picture*; and ST, No. 2, is the *distance of the eye* from the picture.

The points K and M, No. 3, would have been ascertained in perspective, thus: Produce UL to Y, and make LY equal to ST. Now, supposing the plan, No. 1, on the other side of PQ, No. 3, with two sides of the octagon parallel to PQ, one of them may coincide with the part CD of PQ. Then, through Y draw a line YK and YM, parallel to the diagonals of the square which forms the sides of the octagon; then the points K and M are the *vanishing points*.

DESIGNS FOR SHUTTING-WINDOWS. (*Pl. XLVI.*)

THE parts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, *fig. 1*, form a SECTION of the SASH-FRAME.

A, Pulley-stile of the sash-frame.

B, Inside Lining.

C, Outside Lining.

D, Back Lining.

E and F, Weights to balance the sash-frame.

Here the pulley-stile, A, is tongued into the inside lining, B, and into the outside lining, C. The back lining, D, laps over the edge of the outside lining, C, and is tongued into the inside lining, B.

The parts K, I, B, form a recess for receiving the shutters, which recess is called the BOXING.

I is called the back lining of the boxing, and is tongued into the inside lining of the sash-frame.

K is a ground, of which the outside is flush with the plaster. The inside lining of the boxing is also tongued into the ground K.

H, Section of the inside bead of the sash-frame.

G, Parting-bead, and serves to separate the upper from the lower sash, in order that they may work freely and independently of each other. R, architrave, or pilaster.

Figure 2, A VERTICAL SECTION of the WOOD-WORK of the SASH-FRAME, and the parts attached to it.

H, The Inside Bead, forming one side of a groove for the lower sash to run in.

N, The Bottom Rail of the lower sash.

O, Sill of the sash-frame, being of a different section to the uprights.

P, Section of the back lining of the window.

Figure 3, Section of the sash-frame and shutters, where the wall is not sufficiently thick to admit of boxing-room for the shutters. Here ABECD is a casing of wood, in order to receive the shutters, which is made in two folds, F and G, the one, F, being parallel to the wall, and connected to the other, G, by a rule-joint, and G is connected to the sash-frame by butt-hinges.

Figure 1, (*pl. XLVII.*) is a HORIZONTAL SECTION of a SASH-FRAME and SHUTTERS.

Here, instead of the rule-joint, shown in the preceding plate, the shutters are made to draw or slide out of the wall, as shown, and the end is covered by a flap, as if it were a front shutter; and this flap is hung to the sash-frame in the usual manner, and may be so framed together.

Figure 2 is a vertical section through the head of the sash-frame.

D, Head of the sash-frame.

E, Inside Bead.

F, Parting Bead of the sash-frame.

C, The Soffit, tongued into the head of the sash-frame.

B, Ground, flush on the front side with the plaster.

A, Architrave Moulding.

Figure 3, VERTICAL SECTION through the window.

K, Sill of the sash-frame.

E, Inside Bead or Stop of the sash-frame, forming one side of a groove.

I, Window Sill.

H, A small flap hinged to the back, M, of the recess under the window.

Figure 4, a HORIZONTAL SECTION through the sash-frame and shutters.

O, Inside Lining of the sash-frame.

P, Pulley-stile.

E, Inside Bead, forming a stop for the lower sash.

F, Parting Bead.

N, A Door hung to the sash-frame, in order to conceal the end.

T, Part of the section of the real shutter.

U, Architrave Moulding.

Q and R, Weights for balancing the sashes.

ON THE FORMATION OF THE SHUTTING-JOINTS OF DOORS.

Figure 1, pl. XLIX, represents a common door, supposed to be hinged at a . The face of the door is in the line ac , and the breadth is terminated at a and c . On ac , as a diameter, describe a semi-circle, abc , cutting the other face of the door at b .

Figure 2, on the same plate, represents the section of folding-doors with jambs, upon a straight plan. Here we must suppose that one of the doors is shut, while the other opens. Let the half which is shut be $edcbhgf$, and let $aedcb$ be the other half, which opens. Draw the line dc , parallel to the face of the door, bisecting the thickness, so that the middle of cd may be in the middle of the breadth of the door. Draw the line ad , and draw de perpendicular to ad ; also draw the line ac ; and on ac , as a diameter, describe the semi-circle abc , cutting the other line of the door at b , and join cb ; then will $edcb$ be the form of the joint.

The principle of opening is evident; since no length can be applied in a place shorter than itself. The most remote point of the thickness in the moving part must pass, in the act of opening, every other part of the half that is stationary. The principal, therefore, amounts to this: that, since in the opening every point in the edge of the moving door describes the circumference of a circle, every line drawn from the point a to the line bc , ought not to be less than the line ab ; and, because the angle abc is a right angle, every line drawn from a , to meet the line bc , will be the hypotenuse

of a right-angled triangle, of which one of the legs is the line ab ; therefore, ab is shorter than any line that can be drawn from the point a to the line bc ; consequently, the point b , in the act of opening, would fall within the extremities of every line drawn from a to the line bc .

It may, also, be shown that, if any point be taken in bc , and a line be drawn from that point to the point a , the line thus drawn will be less than any other line drawn from a to any other point of the line bc , between the former point and the point c .

In the same manner, because ade is a right angle, the line ad is less than any other line that can be drawn from a to any point of the line de , between d and e ; and every other line drawn from a , to any point between d and e , will be less than any other line drawn from a to any other point in de , between that point and the point e .

Having thus shown the reason of the method, the principle of *figures 3, 4, 5, 6*, will be evident on inspection; or, at least, by comparing it with the former part of this description.

Figure 7 is a section of the jambs of a pair of folding doors, with part of the section of the door: *fig. 8*, the section of the meeting-stiles of the doors.

OF JIBB-DOORS. (*See Plate L.*)

A JIBB-DOOR is one that has no corresponding door, and which is flush with the surface of the wall, being generally papered over, the same as the room; the design being to conceal the door as much as possible, in order to preserve the symmetry of the side of the room which it is in.

Let *fig. 1* represent the side of a room, in which $KLMN$ is a *jibb-door*, I the base of the room, and H the surbase, extending across the door.

Now, in order to make the jibb-door open freely, the mouldings must so be cut that no point of the moving part may come in contact with the jamb of the fixed part. This may be done by forming the end of the moving part,

and the end of the jamb or stationary part, in such a manner that all the horizontal sections may be circles described from the centre of the hinge. In short, by making the end of the base and surbase, and the edge of the jamb, the surface of a cylinder, of which the axis line of the hinges is the axis of the cylinder. This is shown by *fig. 4*, where A is part of the jamb; B represents a section of the door, upon which the iron containing the centre is fixed. C is the centre. The parallel lines in front represent the projections of the mouldings. Draw *Cd* perpendicular to the front line, and make *de* equal to *Cd*: from C, with the radius *Ce*, describe the circular line *ef*, and where the points of *ec* cut the parallel lines will be the extremities of the radii of the other circles.

Figure 2 exhibits the section of the surbase, marked H, in *fig. 1*; and B, *fig. 3*, is the elevation of the base, shown at I, *fig. 1*.

OF STAIRS AND STAIR-CASING.

DEFINITIONS OF THE PARTS OF STAIRS.

1. By STAIRS we mean an assemblage of steps, so formed and united, that, by walking on them, we ascend or descend from one height to another.
2. The surfaces on which we set our feet are called TREADS; and these, for the convenience of walking, are set at equal distances, and parallel to each other.
3. In order to give a solid appearance to the whole, every adjacent pair of treads are connected by a third and vertical piece, called a RISER. Each riser and tread, when fixed together, is called a STEP.
4. The wall which supports the ends of the steps is called the STAIR-CASE.
5. When the ends of the steps terminate upon a vertical prism or pillar, the prism or pillar is called a NEWEL.

6. If the ends of the steps be cut through in the surface of the *newel*, and the pillar or prism be supposed to be removed, the space left open by the removal of the solid is called the **WELL-HOLE**.

7. Stairs that have a well-hole, or hollow in the centre, are called **GEO-METRICAL STAIRS**.

8. The meeting of the sides which form the external angle of the steps is called the **LINE OF NOSING**; but sometimes the line of nosing is covered with a moulding, and then this moulding is called the *nosing*.

9. When the steps are of equal breadth; that is, when the distance from the line of nosing to the riser is every where equal, the steps are denominated **FLYERS**.

10. When the treads of the steps diminish in breadth toward the well-hole, the steps are called **WINDERS**.

As the ends of the steps generally terminate upon a surface which is perpendicular both to the risers and treads, the surface on which they thus terminate is generally that of a cylinder.

11. A number of contiguous flyers are called a **FLIGHT**.

12. When the tread of a step is so broad as to be equal to two or more of the other steps, and situated between floors, it is called a **RESTING-PLACE**.

13. If the tread of the resting-place form a right angle, that is, if the two risers be perpendicular to each other, the resting-place is called a **QUARTER-SPACE OR QUARTER-PACE**.

14. When the breadth of the tread of a step is contained between the same vertical plane, or makes two right angles round the axis of the well-hole, the tread is called a **HALF-SPACE OR HALF-PACE**.

15. Half-spaces and quarter-spaces are generally made on floors; and, in this case, are called *landing-places*.

PROPORTIONS, &c.

The breadth of the steps of common stairs is from nine to twelve inches. In the best stair-cases of noblemen's houses and public edifices, the breadth ought never to be less than twelve, nor more than fifteen, inches.

A step of greater breadth requires less height than that of a less breadth. The general rule may therefore be as follows :

Multiply the breadth and height of a given step together, and divide the product by the breadth of the required step, and the quotient will be the answer : or, by reciprocal proportion, as the given breadth belonging to the height required is to the breadth of the given step, so is the height of the given step to the height of the required step.

For *example*, taking as a standard a step of 12 inches in breadth, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, we may easily find the height of another of a given breadth, which we shall suppose to be 10 inches. The operation is $10 : 5\frac{1}{2} :: 12 : \frac{12 \times 5\frac{1}{2}}{10} = 6\frac{3}{5}$ inches.

Again, suppose we would find what ought to be the height of a step of which the breadth is nine inches ; the operation will be thus :

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 : 12 :: 5\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline 5\frac{1}{2} \\ 60 \\ 6 \\ \hline 9)66 \\ \hline 7\frac{1}{3} \text{ inches,} \end{array}$$

which agrees with what would be allowed in common practice.

Before we lay out the stairs in a building, we must consider the height of the story, and determine upon the height of the steps ; which, being done, we must throw the height of the story into inches, and divide the number of inches in the height of the story by the height of the step. Thus, for example, suppose the height of the story to be ten feet four inches, and the height of the step to be seven inches, how many steps will be required in order to ascend to the given height ?

Here $(10 \text{ ft. } 4 \text{ in.}) \times 12 = 124$ inches. Now $124 \div 7 = 17\frac{5}{7}$, which is the number of steps required ; but, as we must not have a fractional part, the stairs must consist of either seventeen or eighteen steps : if the plan admits of sufficient room, eighteen steps would be preferable to seventeen. But, if there are no winders in the stairs, an even number of steps will be more con-

venient than an odd number: therefore, if we cannot have eighteen, we must have sixteen: now, $124 \div 16 = 7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; which may answer very well: but, if we are still confined for room on the plan, we must throw the semi-circumference round the newel into winders.

The breadth of stair-cases may be from five to twenty feet, according to the destination of the building; but if the steps be less than two feet four inches in length, they become inconvenient for the passing of furniture, as is generally the case in small houses.

When the height of the story is very considerable, resting-places become necessary. In very high stories, that admit of sufficient head-room, and where the plan or area for the stairs is confined, the stairs may make two revolutions in the height of the story; that is, the ascendant or descendant may go twice round the newel or well-hole; and this becomes necessary, otherwise the steps would be enormously high, or extravagant floor-room must be allowed for the stairs.

As grand and principal stair-cases require broad and low steps, they therefore require to be numerous, and admit of only one revolution in the height of the story; the plan being always proportioned to the height of the building.

It may not be amiss to give an example here for a principal building, in order to show the number of steps both in the grand and in the common stair-case.

For this purpose, suppose the story of a house to be sixteen feet high from floor to floor, the height of the steps of the servants' stair-case to be seven inches, and that of the grand stair-case to be six inches.

Now the height of the story reduced to inches is 192, and first dividing by 7, thus—

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \overline{) 192} \\ \underline{27\frac{3}{4}} \end{array}$$

then, dividing by 6, thus—

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \overline{) 192} \\ \underline{32} \end{array}$$

So that the servants' stair requires very nearly twenty-eight steps, and the grand stair-case thirty-two: but the space or area required to execute the common would not be much less than that required to execute the grand stair-case; the common stairs must therefore have two revolutions in the height. This being allowed, will reduce the area to half of what it otherwise would have required.

We must, however, observe that, when the height of the story is less than fourteen feet, the stairs will not admit of two revolutions.

In planning a large edifice, particular attention must be paid to the situation of the stairs, so as to give the most convenient and easy access to the several rooms.

With regard to the lighting of a grand stair-case, a lantern-light is the most appropriate. By introducing this, more elegance is acquired, and the light admitted is more powerful; but, indeed, where one side of the stair-case is not a portion of the exterior wall, a lantern or skylight is the only way in which the light can be admitted.

In stairs constructed of stone, the steps are made of single blocks; quarter-spaces and half-spaces are, however, made in two or more pieces, and joggled together: but, when the material is wood, the risers and treads must be made of boards, which are fastened together with glue, brackets, and screws; and these, though done with the utmost care, can never be made so firm as not to yield to the passenger.

To prevent stairs from becoming rickety, in length of time, the steps must have an additional support under them; and that the appearance may be both light and pleasant, the whole must be confined to as small a space as possible. This additional wood-work, which is necessary to the firmness and durability of the construction, is called the CARRIAGE OF THE STAIRS.

The *carriage of a stair* consists of several pieces joined together.

A flight of steps is generally supported by two pieces of timber, placed under the steps, and parallel to the wall, being fastened at one or both ends to pieces perpendicular thereto.

The pieces of timber which are thus placed under the steps are called **ROUGH STRINGS**.

DOG-LEGGED STAIRS are those which have no well-hole, and consist of two flights, with or without winders. The hand-rail, on both sides, is framed into vertical posts, in the same vertical plane, as well as a board which supports the ends of the steps. The boards are called **STRING BOARDS**, and the posts are called **NEWELS**. The newels not only connect the strings, but they afford the principal support to the rail; and thus it may be affirmed that the newels, posts, and hand-rail, are all in one plane.

OPEN-NEWELLED STAIRS are those which have a rectangular well-hole, and are divided into two or three flights. (See *fig. 2, pl. LI.*)

BRACKETED STAIRS are those where the string-board is notched, so as to permit the risers and treads to lie upon the notches, and pass over beyond the thickness of the string-boards: the ends of the steps are concealed by means of ornamental pieces called **BRACKETS**.

Geometrical stairs are generally bracketed; but, in dog-legged and open-newelled stairs, only those of the best kind are bracketed.

A **PITCHING-PIECE** is a piece of timber wedged into the wall, in a direction perpendicular to the surface of that wall, for supporting the rough strings at the top of the lower flight, when there is no trimmer, or where the trimmer is too distant to be used for the support of the rough strings.

BEARERS are pieces of timber fixed into, and perpendicular to, the surface of the wall, for supporting winders when they are introduced; the other end of the bearers is fastened to the string-board.

A **NOTCH-BOARD** is a board into which the ends of the steps are let: it is fastened to the wall, or one of the walls, of the stair-case.

CURTAIN-STEP is the lowermost step of stairs, and has one of its ends, next to the well-hole, formed into an ornament representing a spiral line.

These are the principal parts which belong to a stair or stairs; other parts connected with it belong to the **HAND-RAIL**, and will be all defined in the following article.

CONSTRUCTION OF DOG-LEGGED STAIRS.

HAVING taken the dimensions of the stair, and the height of the story, lay down a plan and section upon the floor, to the full size, representing all the newels, string-boards, and steps; by this method the lengths and distances of the parts will be ascertained, as also the angles which they make with each other. The quantity of head-room, the situation of apertures and passages, will also be ascertained, and will determine whether quarter-spaces, half-spaces, or winders, are to be introduced.

But, in order to give the most variety in the construction, we shall suppose the stairs to have two quarters of winders; the whole being represented as framed together, the string-board will show the situation of the pitching-pieces, which must be put up next in order, by wedging the one end firmly into the wall, and fixing the other end into the string-board; which, being done, put up the rough-strings, and put up the carriage part of the flyers. In dog-legged stair-cases the steps are seldom glued up, except in cases where the nosings return; we shall therefore suppose them in separate pieces, and proceed to put up the steps.

Place the first riser in its intended situation, fixing it down close to the floor, the top at its proper level and height, and the face in its true position. Nail it down with flat-headed nails, driving them obliquely through the bottom part of the riser into the floor, and then nailing the end to the string-board.

Place the first tread over the riser, observing to give the nosing its proper projecture over the face of the riser; and, to make it lie more solid upon the string, notch out the wood at the farther bottom angle of the riser, where it is to come in contact with the rough-strings, so as to fit it closely down to a level on the upper side, while the under edge beds firmly on the rough-strings at the back edge, and to the riser at the front edge: nail down the tread to the rough-strings, by driving the nails from the place on which the next riser stands, through that edge of the riser, into the rough-strings, and then nailing the end to the string-board.

Begin again with the second riser; which, being brought to its breadth, and fitted close to the top of the tread, so that the back edge of the tread below it may entirely lap over the back of the riser, while the front side is in its real position. Then nail the tread to the riser from the under side, taking care that the nails do not go through the face, which would spoil the beauty of the work.

Proceed with riser and tread, alternately, until the whole of the flyers are set and fixed.

Having finished the first flight of steps, fix the top of the first bearer for the winding-tread on a level with the last parallel riser, so that the farther edge of this bearer may stand about an inch forward from the back of the next succeeding riser, for the purpose of nailing the treads to the risers upwards, as was done with the treads and risers of the flyers. The end of this bearer being fitted against the back of the riser, and having nailed or screwed it fast thereto, fix then a cross-bearer, by letting it half its thickness into the adjacent sides of the top of the riser, and into the top of the long bearer, so as not to cut through the horizontal breadth, nor through the thickness of the riser, which will weaken the long bearer, and injure the appearance of the work: then fix the riser to the newel.

Try the first winding step-board to its place; then, having fitted it to its bearings, and to the newel, with a re-entrant angle, or 'bird's mouth,' fix it fast. Proceed with all the succeeding risers and step-boards until the winders are complete.

Having finished the winders, proceed with the retrogressive or upper flight, exactly in the same manner as has been done with the lower flight.

The workman must then proceed to strengthen the work in the following manner: fix rough brackets into the internal angles of the risers and step-boards, so that their edges may join upon the sides of the rough-strings, to which they are fixed by nails, and thus the work is completed.

N.B. In the best dog-legged stairs the nosings are returned, and sometimes the risers mitred to the brackets, and sometimes mitred with quaker-strings. In this case, a hollow must be mitred round the internal angle of the under

side of the tread and face of the riser. Sometimes the string is framed into a newel, and notched to receive the ends of the steps ; and, at the other end, a corresponding notch-board, and the whole of the flyers are put up in the same manner as a step-ladder.

By paying proper attention to what has here been said, a workman of good understanding will be able to execute such stairs, and put them up in the most sufficient manner, although he might never have seen one made or put up before.

BRACKETED STAIRS.

Here the same method of laying down the plan and section must be observed as in dog-legged stairs. The balusters must be neatly dovetailed into the ends of the steps, two dovetails being put in each, in such a manner that one of the balusters may have one of its faces in the same plane with the riser, and the other face in the same plane with the face of the bracket.

GEOMETRICAL STAIRS.

The steps of Geometrical Stairs ought to be neatly finished, so that they may present a handsome appearance. The risers and step-boards ought not to be less than one inch and a quarter thick. The risers and step-boards ought to be well glued and secured together, with blockings glued in the internal angles. When the steps are set, the risers and step-boards must be fixed together by screws, passing from the under side of each horizontal part into the riser. The brackets must be mitred to the risers ; and the nosings, with a cavetto underneath, should be returned upon the brackets, and stopped upon the string-board. The under side may be finished with lath and plaster. In many old buildings, where the principal stairs were constructed of wood, it was customary to panel the soffit ; but this is now very seldom done, except in pulpit-work, as the difficulty and time required to execute the work occasions very great expenses to the proprietor.

Geometrical Stairs are sometimes finished without brackets, the risers being mitred to the string-boards, instead of brackets; and this mode is mostly practised in ordinary works.

As the parts of a geometrical stair form the subject of the following article upon hand-railing, the other connecting parts will be specified in their proper place.

Geometrical Stairs are mostly on a semi-circular plan, with a flight below, and another above; sometimes the plan is formed by four lines, at right angles with each other, and connected by quadrants of circles.

Figure 1, pl. LI, represents DOG-LEGGED STAIRS with flyers only; that is, which consist of steps of equal breadth. No. 1 is the Plan, showing the length and tread, or breadth, of the steps; or that which shows their exact area. No. 2, the Elevation, shows the sections or ends of the steps.

Figure 2 represents DOG-LEGGED STAIRS with winders, connecting the two straight flights. No. 1 is the Plan, showing the areas of the heads of the steps, as before. No. 2, the Elevation, shows the ends of the steps in the two flights, and the risers in both quarters of the winders.

Figure 1, pl. LII, is a GEOMETRICAL STAIR-CASE, without winders. No. 1 is the Plan, and No. 2, the Elevation of the same.

Figure 2, a GEOMETRICAL STAIR-CASE, with winders in both quarters. No. 1 is the Plan, showing the areas of the steps; and No. 2 is the Elevation, showing both the height and breadth of the steps, as, also, the proper turnings of the rail.

Figure 1, pl. LIII, represents Geometrical Stairs, with winders in one quarter. No. 1 is the plan; and No. 2, the Elevation, shows the turnings of the rail, agreeably to the plan.

Figure 2 is a Plan and Elevation of a Geometrical Stair-case, with winders adjoining each flight, and a space between the winders. No. 1 is the Plan; and No. 2, the Elevation of the same.

Figure 1, pl. LIV, is a representation of an Elliptic Stair-case. No. 1, the Plan; No. 2, the Elevation.

No. 3 is the Elevation of the Twist and Scroll, which terminates the rail.

No. 4, Plan of the Scroll, agreeing in size with No. 3.

In No. 1 the steps of the stair are equally divided round the wall-line, and equally divided round the inside of the rail. This mode of division lessens the acuteness which would otherwise be occasioned at the angles when the lines are drawn to the centre of the plan. The effect of drawing the lines which represent the risers of the steps is exhibited in *fig. 2*, where the half of the outside ellipse is divided equally, and the lines which represent the risers are drawn to the centre of the plan.

When the steps are equally divided at the well-hole, the development of the external as well as the internal points of the steps will form a straight line. But, if they are divided as in *fig. 2*, as the breadth of the steps increases towards the extremities of the major-axis, the points of the external and internal angles of the development will be in a curve of contrary flexure.

There are several ways in which we can conceive the steps to be divided: one of these is to suppose them perpendicular to one of the curves; for they cannot be perpendicular to both: but this method renders the steps very unpleasant to the eye, as it makes them so very broad next to the wall, and so very narrow at the rail, that it has a very unpleasant effect in comparing the whole together. Another method is to proportion their breadths to the curvature of the wall and rail-lines: but this must be done only with regard to the inner curve, as the steps ought to be of an equal breadth at the middle.

Figure 1, pl. LV, is the representation of GEOMETRICAL STAIRS, consisting of a series of flyers between two quarters of winders. No. 1 is the Plan; No. 2, the Elevation.

No. 3 is the development of the steps next to the well-hole. This is found by extending the base-line upon a straight line; as AB, No. 1, upon AB, No. 3; the arc BC, No. 1, upon BC, No. 3; the straight line CD, No. 1, upon CD, No. 3; DE, No. 1, upon DE, No. 3; and EF, No. 1, upon EF, No. 3: so that ABCDEF, No. 3, will be the line ABCDEF, No. 1, extended in a straight line. Through all the points of division draw lines perpendicular to AF.

Set the heights of the steps upon the perpendicular line FG, and through the points of division draw lines parallel to AF; then the horizontal parts meeting their corresponding heights will form the steps.

Figure 1, No. 4, is a development of the steps and rail next to the well-hole, found exactly in the same manner as No. 3.

These developments are of the greatest utility to the workman, as they enable him to judge of the proper form of his rail, so as to make it in the most agreeable and easy manner. Wherever there is an angle, that angle must be reduced, by taking it off in the form of a curve, which is more pleasant to the eye than a sudden change in the direction of the line. The taking away of an angle, either of the rail or string-board, is called by workmen the *casings* of the rail, or of the string.

Figure 1, No. 5, is the Plan of the Scroll to about one-sixth part of the real size.

Figure 1, No. 6, the side Elevation of the Scroll.

Figure 1, No. 7, the wreath or twisted part, at the turn of the rail above, between the winders and the upper flight of steps.

THE METHOD OF DESCRIBING THE SECTION OF THE HAND-RAIL AND MITRE-CAP FOR DOG-LEGGED STAIRS; (*fig. 1, pl. LVI.*)

Draw the straight line ab , and make it equal in length to the breadth of the rail. Bisect ab by the perpendicular iG , cutting ab at w ; make mi equal to two-sevenths of the depth of the rail, and wd equal to five-sevenths of the said depth. Draw dn perpendicular to di . Produce di to c , and make wc equal to wd . From d , with the radius di , describe the arc ign . Join nb , and produce nb to g . Draw gd , cutting ab in r . Make ws equal to wr . Join ds , and produce ds to f . Join cr , cs , and produce cr to h and l , and cs to e and k . From d , with the radius di , describe the arc fg . From r , with the radius rg , describe the arc gbh ; and from s , with the radius sf , describe the arc fae . Make hl equal to hr , ek equal to es , and join kl . From k , with the radius ke , describe the arc et ; and from l , with the radius

lh, describe the arc *ht*; and draw *tu* and *tv*, parallel to *id*; which completes the geometrical part of the section.

From any centre, as *G*, in the line *ED*, and *id* produced, with a radius equal to that of the mitre-cap, describe the circle *ABEFD*. Draw *aA*, *bB*, parallel to *iC*. Join *AC* and *BC*, for the angle of the mitre; *C* being taken at pleasure. Draw *DE* the diameter of the mitre-cap. In the curve of the section of the rail, take any number of points, *m, m*. Draw the lines *px* parallel to *iG*, cutting *AC* in the points *C, x*. From *G*, with the radii *Gx*, *Gx*, &c., describe arcs *xP*, *xP*, &c. Draw the ordinates *PM*, *PM*, &c., perpendicular to *DE*. Then, when as many of the points are found as is necessary, draw a curve through them, and this curve will be the contour of the section of the mitre-cap.

Figure 2 exhibits the method of drawing the Swan-neck of a dog-legged stair. No. 1, the Swan-neck and part of the capital; No. 2, the base; No. 3, the base, more at large.

Figure 3, the method of tracing the brackets round the winding steps from the flyers. Supposing *CD* equal to their length, and *AB* equal to those of the flyers. Having divided *CD* in the same proportion as *AB*, make the ordinate *pm* equal to *PM*.

HAND-RAILING.

THE ART OF FORMING HAND-RAILS round circular and elliptic well-holes, without the use of the cylinder, is entirely new. Mr. Price, the author of '*The British Carpenter*,' is the first who appears to have had any idea of forming a wreath-rail. Subsequent writers have contributed little or nothing towards the advancement of this most useful branch of the Joiner's profession, and have contented themselves with the methods laid down by Price, which were very uncertain in their application; and, consequently, led to very erroneous results in the practice.

The first successful method of squaring the wreath, upon geometrical principles, was invented and published by Mr. Peter Nicholson, in 1792, in a work called '*The Carpenter's New Guide*,' a book well known to architects and workmen. No previous author seems to have had any idea of describing the section of a cylinder through any three points in space, making a mould to the form of the section, and applying it to both sides of the plank, by the principles of solid angles; so that, by cutting away the superfluous wood, the piece thus formed might have been made to range over its plan.

Since the first invention of the method, the author's experience and researches have produced many essential requisites, which were not thought of at first; so that this branch, as here presented, is now much improved.

The principle of projecting the rail furnishes the workman with a method by which he can ascertain, with great precision, the thickness of the plank out of which the rail must be cut. To do this in the most convenient way, the diagram must be made to some aliquot portion of the full size, which will supersede the necessity of laying it down on a floor. It must, however, be observed that the thickness of stuff found by this method is what will completely square the wreath or piece. But, as the rail is reduced from the square to an oval or elliptic section, much thinner stuff may be made to answer the purpose; so that, generally, for rails of the common size of $2\frac{1}{8}$ or $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick, instead of requiring a three-inch plank, one of two and a half may be made to answer the purpose.

1. The HAND-RAIL of a stair is that which is put up in order to prevent accidents, by falling into or through the well-hole.

2. The PRISMATIC MOULD, formerly used for forming the wreaths, and fitting the rail together, is now of no other use than merely to help the conception of the learner. In this case, we shall still be obliged to use the idea of such a prism, which was called by workmen a CYLINDER, whatever might be the form of the base or right section. But, as the word cylinder is used to define a geometrical solid, and has had the sanction of the learned for upwards of two thousand years, we must not use the word cylinder in two different senses without some word of qualification; as, otherwise, it will be

impossible to know which of the two bodies is meant. We shall therefore call the cylinder used by workmen a *cyldrome* or *working-cylinder*.

3. Supposing the working-cylinder to be covered with a thin pliable substance, as paper, and to be inserted in the well-hole, as if it were a newel, and the planes of the risers and treads to be continued, so as to intersect the covering; the indented line, formed by the intersections of the risers and treads, in the development of the covering, supposing it extended on a plane, is called the *envelope* of the well-hole.

4. The straight line formed on the envelope with the base of the cylinder is called the *base of the envelope*.

5. The straight line passing through the points of the external angles; on the development of the steps, is called the *line of nosings*.

THE THEORY OF HAND-RAILING.

Suppose any line to be drawn on the surface of the working-cylinder, and the working-cylinder to be cut entirely through, from this line to the opposite surface, so that a straight line, passing through any point of the line, drawn perpendicular to the surface, will coincide with the section made by cutting the solid, through the line thus drawn; every such line will be parallel to the base of the working-cylinder.

Suppose that the upper portion of the working-cylinder, separated from the lower, to be removed, and the lower to be inserted in the well-hole; then, if the surface of separation coincide with the nosings of the steps, while the base rests on the floor; and, if we again suppose the whole to be elevated to a certain height without turning, so that the base may be parallel to the floor, the surface of separation will form the top of the hand-rail in the square; and the two vertical sides of the hand-rail will be a portion of the vertical surfaces of the working cylinder.

Again, suppose that, while the portion of the working-cylinder, thus formed, remains in the situation now described, another portion next to the top is again separated from the lower portion, but not removed, in such a

manner that the uppermost part may be every where of a certain thickness between the surfaces of separation; the upper part, thus separated, would exactly form the hand-rail in the square; and this the solid which we would wish to form, first in parts, and then to put the parts together, so as to constitute the whole solid *Helix*, as if it had been cut out of the solid of the working-cylinder.

The form of the solid helix, now defined, is called by workmen a square rail; the method of preparing the rail, in parts, of this form, is called the *squaring of the rail*.

The square rail is therefore contained between two opposite surfaces, which are portions of the surfaces of the working-cylinder, and two other winding surfaces, contained between each pair of curves of the helix.

The PLAN OF A HAND-RAIL is the space or area which the base of the working-cylinder would occupy on the floor. This area is therefore bounded by two equi-distant lines, on which each of the working-cylindric surfaces stand erect, and the breadth of the space between these two equi-distant lines is called the *breadth of the rail*.

The STORY-ROD is a rod of wood, equal in length to the height of the stairs, or the distance between the surface of one floor and that of another. It is divided into as many equal parts as the number of steps in the height of the story: its use is to try the steps as they are carried up.

For the conveniency of forming a square rail out of the least quantity of stuff, and in the shortest time, the rail is made in various lengths; so that, when joined together, the whole may form the solid intended.

If the rail thus joined be set in its true position, and if the joints be in planes perpendicular to the horizon, and to the surface of the working-cylinder, the joints are called *splice-joints*. But if each joint be in a plane perpendicular to one of the arrises, the joint is called a *butt-joint*.

It is evident that any portion of a hand-rail may be made of plank-wood of sufficient thickness and length: because such a portion of the rail may be considered as a portion of the working-cylinder, contained between two parallel planes, which may represent the faces of the plank; and the two

sections of the working-cylinder, made on these planes, will represent a mould to draw the same upon the surfaces of the plank: then, if the surrounding wood be cut away in the same manner, the vertical sides of the rail will be formed agreeably to the definitions which we have given.

A mould made to form a section of the working-cylinder is called a *face-mould*.

A mould made to cover one of the vertical surfaces of a square rail is called a *falling mould*. A falling mould made to cover the convex surface of the square rail is called the *convex falling mould*; and that which is made to fit the concave surface is called the *concave falling mould*. The form of the falling moulds can be ascertained by geometrical rules; and, consequently, if the proper portion of the falling mould be rightly applied to the rail-piece, when cut out of the plank, and if lines be drawn by the two edges of the falling mould, and the superfluous wood cut away, so as to be every where perpendicular to the surface of the working-cylinder, that portion of the rail will be formed.

The MITRE-CAP of a rail is a block of wood, turned to some agreeable figure, of a greater diameter than the breadth of the hand-rail. It is used in dog-legged stair-cases, for the purpose of giving a neat appearance to the termination of the rail, at a very little expense.

The SCROLL is the termination of the hand-rail of a geometrical stair, in the form of a spiral, and is placed above the curtail-step, which is made to correspond with the scroll.

BALUSTERS are vertical pieces fixed on the steps for supporting the hand-rail. In flights, the balusters are placed equi-distant, so that every step may have two balusters; and that one side of each baluster may be in the plane of each riser, and the whole thickness of each baluster so placed that it may stand within the solid of the riser.

In order to keep the hand-rail steady, and to provide against accidental violence, iron balusters must be inserted into the range, at equal distances, and strongly fixed to the steps. In common stairs, where wooden balusters only are used, the balusters are placed against the nosings, and let into

the step-board below ; and, being fastened to the nosings with nails, will be very secure.

The RAMP, in a dog-legged and open-newel stair-case, is the upper end of a hand-rail adjoining to the newel, formed, on the upper side, into a concavity, but straight with regard to the plan.

A SWAN-NECK, in dog-legged and open-newelled stair-cases, is a portion of the rail, consisting of two parts, the lower being concave and the upper convex on the top, and terminating in a framed newel, so as to be parallel to the horizon.

A KNEE, in a dog-legged and open-newelled stair-case, is the lower end of a hand-rail, next to the newel, formed either into a concavity on the upper side, or made to terminate upon the newel with a short level, mitred into the raking or sloping part of the rail, which follows the curvature of the steps.

The same part of a rail may therefore be both *ramped* and *knee'd* ; that is, ramped at the upper end, and knee'd at the lower ; or it may be *swan-necked* at the upper end, and *knee'd* at the lower.

When there is any sudden rise in the balusters, the top of the rail ought to be kept to the same height throughout, as nearly as possible ; but, should the height of the steps lead the top of the rail to irregularity, in the curvature of the rail, the line of fall must be rendered agreeable, by taking away the angles, and reducing the whole to a uniform curve. These curves are called the *easings of the rail*. By this mean, the impediments which the hand might meet, in passing along the back of the rail, will be removed, instead of being suddenly interrupted at every junction. When the risers of three or more steps terminate in the same vertical line, in order to connect the lower and upper ends of the rail in the most agreeable manner, the intermediate part will require to be *ramped*, as is done in dog-legged stair-cases. But where not more than two risers terminate in the vertical line, the rail is frequently continued, so as to form an elbow in the intermediate part, in such a manner, that the top of the three parts thus connected may be all in one

plane; which will be as pleasant to the eye as it is convenient; since the parts, thus joined, may be cut out of the thinnest wood possible.

To fix the rail in such a position as to differ the least from being parallel to the line of nosings, or the string-board, the top over the upper part may be depressed half the height of a step, while that over the lower part may be as much elevated; so that, though the rail may not be entirely parallel with the line of the nosings, the lower part rising higher as it advances towards the intermediate part, or turn, and the upper part approaching nearer to the line of nosings, as it is more remote from that part, the whole appearance will be more agreeable to the eye.

Where winders are necessary, and the well-hole very small, the top of the rail must be kept higher over the winders than over the straight part; as, otherwise, the person who ascends or descends will be in danger of tumbling over into the well of the stairs.

The rise of the rail, over the circular plan, cannot be regulated by geometrical principles, but must be left to the discretion of the workman. The rail ought not to be raised to any considerable degree over the winders, unless in very extreme cases, as it occasions not only a deformity in the fall of the rail, but a great inconvenience to the workman, by obliging him to prepare the semi-circular part of the rail to different face-moulds; whereas the same moulds might be alike applied to both parts of the rail. Where this practice is necessary, the easing of the rail, at the upper end, will be over the circular part of the plan; while that at the lower end will be entirely on the straight part below the winders; and thus, as it occasions the upper part to have less slope than the lower, so it occasions also the face-mould of the upper part to be considerably shorter than that of the lower part.

TO FIND THE SECTION OF A CYLINDER, when it is cut by a plane perpendicular to a given plane, parallel to the axis of the cylinder. (See *Fig. 1*, *pl. LVII.*)

Let ABC, (*fig. 1*.) be the base, and ACRP the plane parallel to, or passing along, its axis, and PR the line of section:

In ABC take any number of points, e, f, g , and draw the lines he, if, jg , &c., parallel to AP or CR, cutting AC in a, b, c, d , &c., and PR in h, i, j, k , &c.: perpendicular to PR draw hl, im, jn, ko , &c. Make hl, im, jn , &c., respectively equal to ae, bf, cg , &c. Through all the points l, m, n, o , &c., draw a curve, which will be the section required.

If the cylinder be hollow, the inner curve will be described in the same manner.

When the plane of section makes an acute angle, as in *fig. 2*.

Let STU, (*fig. 2*, No. 2,) be the angle which the cylinder is to be cut at. Draw DU parallel to ST, at that distance from ST which is equal to the radius of the semi-circular base. Draw Br parallel to AC. From the centre, Z, of the semi-circle, draw ZW, parallel to AP or CR, cutting PR in W. Draw WX parallel to AC, and draw Xr parallel to AP or CR. Join Zr. Draw XY perpendicular to PR. From W, with the radius Zr, describe an arc, cutting XY at Y, and join WY.

In the arc ABC take any number of points, e, f, g , &c., and draw the ordinates ea, fb, gc , &c., cutting AC in a, b, c , &c. From the points a, b, c , &c., draw ah, bi, cj , &c., parallel to AP or CR, cutting PR in h, i, j , &c. Draw hl, im, jn , &c., parallel to WY, and make hl, im, jn , &c., respectively equal to ae, fb, gc : then, through all the points l, m, n , &c., draw a curve, and it will be the section required.

If the cylinder be hollow, the inside curve will be traced in the same manner, and from the same parallels Zr and WY, and by the very same ordinates; only observing the points where the inner semi-circle cuts these ordinates.

Upon the principle here shown, the sections of *figures 3* and *4* are to be found: both these figures are segments of cylinders; *fig. 3* being cut at an obtuse angle, and *fig. 4*, at an acute angle.

TO FIND THE SECTION OF A CYLINDER, so as to pass through three given points in its surface, (*figures 1* and *2*, *pl. LXIV.*)

Let the seats of the three given points be ABC, in the base ABC of the cylinder, and let ADEC be the plane standing upon AC perpendicularly.

Join the points A and C, by the straight line AC, and produce AC to F, and draw BH parallel to AF. Draw AD, BG, and CE, perpendicular to AF or BH. Make AD equal to the height of the point, over its seat A, BG equal to the height of the point over its seat B, and CE equal to the height of the point over its seat C. Join DE and produce DE to F. Draw GH parallel to DF; and, through the points H and F, draw FI.

In AF take any point, J, and draw JI perpendicular to AF; and draw JK perpendicular to DF. From J, as a centre, with the radius JI, describe an arc cutting JK at I. From J, with the radius JI, describe the arc *Im*, cutting AF in *m*, and join *mI*.

In the base ABC take any number of points, *a, b, c, d*, &c., and draw the lines *ae, bf, cg, dh*, &c., parallel to FI, cutting AF in the points *e, f, g, h*, &c.

Draw *ei, fj, gk, hl*, &c., parallel to AD, BG, or CE, cutting DE in *i, j, k, l*, &c. Through the points *i, j, k, l*, draw *ip, jq, kr, ls*, &c., and make *ip, jq, kr, ls*, &c., each respectively equal to *ea, fb, gc, hd*, &c.; then, through the points E, *p, q, r, s*, &c., draw a curve, which will be the section of the cylinder as required.

The angle *JmI* is that which the plane of section now found, makes with the vertical plane ADEC.

The whole of the art of hand-railing depends on finding the section of a cylinder to pass through three given points on its surface; the reader is therefore requested to understand this thoroughly, before he actually commences his study upon hand-rails; for, if the principles are not comprehended, he will always be in difficulties, and liable to spoil his work.

The hand-rail of a stair is made in various lengths, and each portion is got out upon the principle of its being the section of a cylinder, and is cut out of a plank not exceeding two and a half inches in thickness. It would not be practicable to get a rail out in pieces for more than a quarter of a circle: a portion of the rail got out in one length, answering to the semi-circumference of the plan, would require a very great thickness of stuff; how much more then would a whole circumference require? for the thickness of stuff increases in a much more rapid ratio than the circumference.

Figure 3 (*pl. LVIII*) is the method of drawing a curve, which shall touch two straight lines, AB, BC, in two given points A and C.

Divide AB, BC, each into any number of equal parts; beginning at A and B, draw the straight lines 11, 22, 33, 44, &c., through the corresponding points of division, and the lines thus drawn will be tangents to the curve.

The reducing of a piece of wood from an angle to a round is called by workmen the *easing of the angle*.

Figure 4 is an application of this to the hand-rail of a stair.

Figure 5 shows how the same may be done when AB and BC are unequal.

Figure 6 is another method of easing the rail at an angle. Let ABC be the angle, and let it be required to round it in a very small degree.

Make Bd equal to Be. From d draw *df* perpendicular to AB, and *ef* perpendicular to BC. From *f*, with the radius *fd* or *fe*, describe the arcs *de* and *gh*, which will form what workmen call a *knee* in the rail.

THE METHOD OF DRAWING SCROLLS FOR HAND-RAILS, ANSWERING TO EVERY DESCRIPTION OF STAIRS. (*pl. LIX.*)

First, Let it be required to describe a spiral to any number of revolutions, between two given points, in a given radius.

Let E (*fig. 1*) be the centre, EB the given radius, and let the two given points be A and B, between which it is required to draw any number of revolutions.

Divide AB into two equal parts, in the point C, and divide AC or CB into equal parts, consisting of one part more than the number of revolutions; then, in the line EB, make EF and EI each equal to the half of one of these parts; then, upon FI, construct the square FGHI. Draw GE and HE. Divide GE and HE into as many equal parts as the spiral is to have revolutions; through these points construct as many squares, of which one side will be in the line FI, and the other sides terminate in the lines GE and HE; then the angular points of the outer square will be the centres for the first revolution, the angular points of the next less square the centres for the second

revolution; the angular points of the next less square will be the centres for the third revolution, and so on; one quadrant of a circle, which is one quarter of a revolution, being described at a time.

To apply this to the present example, which is to have two revolutions, divide, therefore, AB into two equal parts, as before, in the point C, and divide AC or CB into three equal parts; that is, into one part more than the number of revolutions. Make EF and EI each equal to half a part, and on FI describe the square FGHI. Join GE and HE, and divide GE or HE into two equal parts, being as many as the number of revolutions, and complete the inner square *klmn*. Produce FG to Q.

From the centre, F, with the distance FB, describe the quadrant BQ.

Produce GH to R; then, from the centre G, with the radius GQ, describe the arc QR.

Produce HI to S; then, from the centre H, and, with the radius HS, describe the arc RS.

From the centre I, with the radius IS, describe the quadrant ST; which finishes the first revolution of the spiral.

Again, produce *kl* to U, *lm* to V, *mn* to W; then, from *k*, with the radius *kT* describe the arc TU; from *l*, with the radius *lU*, describe the arc UV; from *m*, with the radius *mV*, describe the arc VW; from *n*, with the radius *nW*, describe the arc WA, which will complete the second revolution, and terminate in the point A, as required.

To draw the second spiral, and thereby to draw the scroll complete.—In the straight line EB set B*p* towards E, equal to the breadth of the rail; then from F, with the radius F*p*, describe the arc *pq*; from G, with the radius G*q*, describe the arc *qr*; from H, with the radius H*r*, describe the arc *rs*; from I, with the radius I*s*, describe the arc A*s*, which will complete the scroll.

The whole breadth of this scroll, now drawn, is about twelve inches and five-eighths of an inch, and is intended for a very large step. The breadth of the scroll, *fig. 2*, is ten inches and a half; the breadth of the next scroll, not shown here, is eight inches and three-eighths of an inch; which will be a proper breadth for an ordinary sized step. The breadth of *fig. 3* is six

inches and seven-eighths of an inch; which is applicable to hand-rails where there is very little room.

All these scrolls are only portions of the great scroll, *fig. 1*, and show that one mould may be made so as to answer any number of revolutions: these scrolls are all drawn from the same centres as that of *fig. 1*. *Fig. 1* consists of eight quadrants; *fig. 2*, of seven quadrants; the other, consisting of seven quadrants, is not shown, from want of room. *Fig. 3* consists of five quadrants; and *fig. 4*, of four quadrants, and may be drawn, independent of *fig. 1*, by the very same rule, which must be adapted to one revolution: divide AB into two equal parts, in the point C, as before. Divide AC into two equal parts, that is, into one part more than the number of revolutions; because it is to consist of only one revolution. Then, making E the middle of the side of the square, describe the square 1234. From the centre 1, with the radius 1B, describe the arc BQ; from the centre 2, with the radius 2Q, describe the arc QR; from the centre 3, with the radius 3R, describe the arc RS; and, from the centre 4, with the radius 4S, describe the arc SA, which will complete the scroll, as required.

TO FIND THE MOULDS FOR EXECUTING A HAND-RAIL.

Let *fig. 1*, *pl. LX*, be the plan of the rail; AB and DE being the straight parts; BCD the circular part, which is divided into equal parts by the point C; and, consequently, BC and CD are each quadrants.

TO CONSTRUCT THE FALLING MOULD.

In *fig. 2* draw the straight line AB; and through A draw CE, perpendicular to AB. Make AC and AE each equal to the stretch out of the quadrant BC or CD, (*fig. 1*), together with the breadth Bg or Dh of a flyer. Draw CD (*fig. 2*), parallel to AB. Make CD equal to the height of twelve steps; that is, equal to the ten winders, together with the breadth of the two flyers, one on each side of the winders. Make Eh equal to the breadth of one of the flyers, and draw hi perpendicular to CE, and make hi equal to the

height of a step. Join iE . In like manner, in the straight line CD , make Dj equal to the height of a step. Draw jk parallel to CE , and make jk equal to the breadth of one of the flyers. Join Dk , and ki .

As it is customary with some workmen to raise the rail higher upon the winders than upon the straight part; and, as this is altogether arbitrary, draw lm parallel to ki , at such a height as the workman may think proper. Make ln , no , mp , each equal to mE ; then ease or reduce each of the angles lno and pmE to curves nvo , pqE ; then draw a line $rstuv$ parallel to $DnwopqE$, comprehending a distance equal to the depth of the rail, and this completes the falling mould of the rail.

TO FIND THE FACE-MOULD OF THE RAIL.

It is customary to execute a small portion of the straight rail along with the wreath, or twist, for each quadrant of the rail; and, as this distance is arbitrary, set off Be and Df , *fig. 1*, each equal to three inches. Transfer this distance to hx and ky , *fig. 2*.

In *fig. 2*, draw xu perpendicular to CE , cutting the upper edge of the falling mould at u ; also draw yzB^* perpendicular to CE , cutting the under edge of the falling mould at n , and the upper edge of the same at z .

Through any point B^* draw B^*B , parallel to CE , and divide Ax B^*B each into two equal parts at the points B , A . Draw BC perpendicular to CE , cutting the top of the rail at C , and draw Ao perpendicular to B^*B , cutting the under edge of the rail at o .

In *fig. 3* lay down the plan for one quarter of the rail, *fig. 1*, taking in the straight part. ABC , *fig. 3*, being the quadrant, and CD the straight part of the rail.

It is found that, if the part of the rail over the plan $ABCD$, *fig. 3*, were actually executed, that a plane would touch the three points of the rail in the perpendiculars erected upon the plan EBD .

Join EF , (*fig. 3*.) and produce EF to G . Draw EH , BI , and DK , perpendicular to EG . Make EH equal in height to At , *fig. 2*; BI equal to BC ,

fig. 2; and DK equal to *xu*, *fig. 2*. Join ED, and produce ED to L. Draw BM parallel to EL. Join HK, and produce HK to L; and draw IM parallel to HL. Join ML, and produce ML to meet EG in G. In GM, take any point, *q*, and draw *pq* perpendicular to EG, cutting EG in *p*; and draw *pr* perpendicular to HG. From G, with the radius G*q*, describe an arc cutting *pr* in *r*; join Gr. In the curve CA take any number of points *a, b, c*, &c. and draw *ad, be, cf*, &c., parallel to GM, cutting EG in the points, *d, e, f*, &c.

Draw *dg, eh, fi*, &c., perpendicular to EG, cutting HG in the points *g, h, i*, &c. Draw *gk, hl, im*, &c., parallel to Gr. Make *gk, hl, im*, &c. each respectively equal to *da, eb, fc*, &c.; and, through all the points *k, l, m*, &c., draw a curve, which will give the outer edge of the falling mould. The inner edge, *q, r, s*, &c., is found in the very same manner: viz. by transferring the ordinates *dn, eo, fp*, &c. to *gq, hr, is*, &c., and drawing the curve *qrs*, which is the inner edge of the falling mould.

Though the same principle serves to find the straight part of the rail, as well as the circular part, the straight part of the face-mould will be more accurately ascertained thus: Let FD (*fig. 3*) be the end of the straight part on the plan, and C*n* the line which divides the straight and circular parts of the rail.

Through the points *nCD* draw the ordinates *nd, Cv*, and *Dz*, parallel to GM, cutting EG in the points *d, v, z*. Draw *dg, vA*, and *zB*, parallel to EH, cutting HG in the points *g, A, B*. Draw *gq, Au*, and *Bt*, parallel to Gr. Make *gq* equal to *dn*, *Au* equal to *vc*, and *Bt* equal to *zD*. Draw FC parallel to EH, cutting HG in *C*. Join *Cq* and *Ct*. Draw *qu* parallel to *Ct*, and *tu* parallel to *Cq*; then *Cqut* will be that portion of the face-mould answering to the straight part *nCDF* on the plan.

The joint-line of the face-mould will be very accurately found thus:

Produce (*fig. 3*) GE to *w*. Draw *Aw* parallel to MG, and *wx* parallel to EH, cutting GH produced in *x*. Draw *xy* parallel to Gr, and make *xy* equal to *wA*; and by this method the whole of the face-mould is found in the most accurate manner.

To show the manner in which *fig. 4* is determined, it is proper to observe here that the operation is inverted for the conveniency of finding the mould from the under side of the falling mould, instead of from the upper side.

In *fig. 4*, draw the plan ABDFE, and let the resting points be E, B, D. Join EF, and produce EF to G. Draw DK, BI, and EH, perpendicular to EF. Make DK equal to *B*_n* *fig. 2*; BI equal to *Ao*, *fig. 2*, and EH equal to BD, *fig. 2*. Join ED, and produce ED to L; join HK, and produce HK to L. Draw BM parallel to EL, and IM parallel to HL. Join ML, and produce ML to G, and join GH. In GE take any point, *p*, and draw *pq* perpendicular to GE, cutting GM in *q*. Draw *pr* perpendicular to HG. From L, as a centre, with the radius L*q*, describe an arc, cutting *pr* at *v*, and join G*v*: then complete the falling mould as before.

TO FIND THE MOULDS FOR EXECUTING A HAND-RAIL, WITH FOUR WINDERS IN ONE QUARTER, THE OTHER BEING FLAT ROUND A SEMI-CYLINDRIC WELL-HOLE, HAVING FLYERS ABOVE AND BELOW.

To find the Falling Mould. (*fig. 1, pl. LXI.*)—Draw the straight line JI, in which take any point, *d*, and draw *dC* perpendicular to JI. In *dC* make *dt* equal to the greater radius of the rail, and, through *t*, draw *ab* parallel to JI. From the centre *t*, with the radius *td*, describe the semi-circle *adb*. In *tC* make *tU* equal to *tb*, together with three-fourths of *tb*. Join *Ua* and *Ub*. Produce *Ua* to meet JI in T, and *Ub* to meet JI in H. In JI make HI equal to the breadth of one of the flyers. Draw HG perpendicular to HI, and make HG equal to the height of a step, and join GI. Make TJ equal to the breadth of two of the flyers.

Draw JN perpendicular to JI. In JN make JK equal to the height of a step, K*4* equal to the height of four steps, KL equal to the height of five steps, KM equal to the height of six steps, and KN equal to the height of seven steps. Draw *4f* parallel to JI, meeting *dC* in *f*. Draw *Le* parallel to JI, and T*e* perpendicular to JI. Draw M*h* parallel to *Le*, and make M*h*

equal to the breadth of a step. In *Le* make *Lg* and *ge* each equal to the breadth of a step; and join *Nh* and *he*. Join also *hf* and *fG*. Produce *hf* to *w*, and draw *wQ* parallel to *fG*. In the lines *wh* and *wQ* make *wu* and *wv* each equal to the hypotenuse of a step. Draw the curve *wv* to touch the straight lines *wh* and *wQ*, in *u* and *v*. The same being done below, where the two straight lines join at *Q*, the crooked line *NhuvSZ* will be the under edge of the falling mould. From the under edge of the falling mould draw a line, at the distance of two inches above it, and the falling mould will be complete.

To find the Face-Mould. (*fig. 2*).—Here *napc* is the convex side of the rail, being one quadrant, and *pc*, a tangent at *p*, being a portion of the straight part.

Through *C*, *fig. 1*, draw *AC* perpendicular to *dC*, and make *CA* equal to the stretch out or development of the curve-line *cpan*, *fig. 2*. Let *dC* intersect the under edge of the falling mould in *X*. Bisect *AC* in *B*, and draw *BP* and *AO* parallel to *CX*, meeting the under edge of the falling mould in the points *P*, *O*.

Having completed the inner line of the plan, *fig. 2*, draw the chord-line *eg*. Draw the lines *ef*, *ab*, *cd*, perpendicular to *eg*; *ab* being drawn through the centre *q*. Make *ef*, *fig. 2*, equal to *CX*, *fig. 1*; *ab*, *fig. 2*, equal to *BP*, *fig. 1*; *cd*, *fig. 2*, equal to *AO*, *fig. 1*. In *fig. 2*, join *ec*, and draw *al* parallel to *ec*. Join *fd*: and produce *fd* to meet *ec* in *m*. Draw *bl* parallel to *fm*, and join *lm*, which produce to *g*. In *lg* take any point, *k*, and draw *ki* perpendicular to *eg*, meeting *eg* in *i*. Join *fg*; and draw *ik* perpendicular to *fg*. From *g*, with the radius *gk*, describe an arc intersecting *ik* in *h*; and join *gh*.

In *eg* take any point, *r*. Draw *rt* parallel to *gl*, intersecting the inner curve of the plan of the rail in *s*, and the outer curve in *t*. Draw *rR* parallel to *ef*, meeting *fg* in *R*, and *RT* parallel to *gh*. In *RT* make *RS* equal to *rs*, and *RT* equal to *rt*; then will *S* be a point in the concave curve of the face-mould, and *T* a point in the convex curve of the face-mould. In the same manner we may find as many points, and by this means complete the whole face-mould.

In the same manner, by means of the three lines DX, ER, FS, *fig. 1*, we may construct the face-mould, *fig. 3*, in every respect similar to that in *fig. 2*.

Then the face-mould, *fig. 3*, applies to the lower half of the winders, and *fig. 2*, to the upper half.

TO FIND THE MOULDS FOR A SEMI-CIRCULAR STAIR WITH A LEVEL LANDING.

To construct the Falling Mould. (fig. 1, pl. LXII.)—Draw the straight line MN and IL perpendicular to M, intersecting MN in K. From K, with a radius equal to that of the convex side of the rail, describe the semi-circle MIN. Make KL equal to the radius, together with three-quarters of it. Join LM, and produce LM to B; and join LN, which produce to C: then BC is equal to the development of the semi-circumference of the winders. Proceed and complete the falling mould as in the former cases. In this, FHG is the section of the lower flyer, DAS the section of the upper flyer, the whole height being three steps; the middle part of the falling mould between AD and HF is level.

Figures 2 and 3 exhibits the method of tracing out the face-mould. In *fig. 2* produce the straight line *a5* to *d*; and, through the centre Y, draw *Ye* parallel to *ad*. Draw *ac* and *YQ* perpendicular to *ad* and *Ye*. Make the angles *acd* and *YQe* each equal to the angle ASD or HGF, *fig. 1*. Join *de*. Then, to find any point in the face-mould. In *Ye* take any point, *m*, and draw *mu* parallel to *YQ*, meeting *Qe* in *u*. Find the line *ef*, as in the description of *plate LXI*; draw *uE* parallel to *eF*, and *m5* parallel to *ed*, intersecting the concave side of the plan in *l*, and the convex side in *5*. Make *uM* equal to *ml*, *uE* equal to *m5*; then M is a point in the inside curve of the face-mould, and E a point in the outside curve: a sufficient number of points being thus found, the whole face-mould may be completed; and *fig. 3*, in the same manner.

Plate LXIII shows the falling moulds and face-moulds for a rail, where the opening is only three inches; and though the operation of finding the moulds

for executing the rail is exactly the same as has been shown, their forms are entirely different.

The face mould, (as represented in *pl. LXIV*,) though last found, must be first applied to the plank, in the following manner. First, bevel the edge of the plank, according to the angle AmI , shown in *fig. 1 and 2*, of the sections of a cylinder. Near the upper end of the bevelled edge apply the angle ADF ; then apply one extreme point of the inner edge of the face-mould to the top of the plank, and bring it to that point of the arris* where the line intersects, and bring the other extreme point to the same arris; then, the under side of the face-mould coinciding with the face of the plank, draw a line by each edge of the mould. Apply the mould to the under side of the plank in the same manner: then cut away the superfluous wood on the outside of the lines drawn on the plank; which being done, apply the falling mould to the convex side of the piece thus formed.

It is not easy to give such directions as to make the workman perfectly understand the application of the face-mould and falling-mould; but, by a little practice, a perfect knowledge of the terms, and ruminating upon the subject, the directions here given will conduct him through every difficulty. Without putting one's ideas in a proper train, the plainest directions that can be written, except on the most self-evident subjects, may be mistaken.

To find the Falling and Face-Moulds for an Elliptical-planned Stair, where the Steps next to the Well-hole are equally divided.

Let $ABCD$ (*pl. LXV*, No. 1,) be the seat of the external side of the rail, and $abcd$ the seat of the internal side; these two curve lines comprehending between them the thickness of the rail.

In order to cut the rail out to the greatest advantage, so as to waste the least stuff or wood, it is got out in three lengths AB , BC , CD ; the joints being represented by Bb , Cc , Dd , the scroll and the adjoining part being formed of a separate piece.

* The explanation of *Arris*, and other terms, is to be found in the next Chapter.

The first thing to be done, as in all other cases of this kind, is, to lay down the falling mould. For this purpose, let AB, No. 2, be the stretch out of the line AB; and make AB, BE, in the proportion of any number of steps to their height, and draw the line AE. Then draw *ae*, at such a distance from AE, that AE, *ae*, may comprehend between them the thickness of the rail. In like manner, draw BC, No. 3, and make BC to CF as the tread of any number of steps next to the well-hole is to their height, and draw *bf* parallel to BF, so that BF and *bf* may comprehend between them the entire thickness of stuff.

Bisect AB, No. 2, in G, and draw GH perpendicular to AB, cutting AE in the point H. Bisect BC, No. 3, in the point I, and draw IJ perpendicular to BC, cutting BF in J. Divide the length of the curve AB, No. 1, into two equal parts, in the point K; also divide the curve BC into two equal parts in the point L, and divide the curve CD into two equal parts, in the point M; then the points *a*, K, B, are the three resting points for the portion of the rail over AKB; three resting points of the rail, over BLC, are *b*, L, C; and the three resting points of the rail, over CMD, are *c*, M, D. Now, according to the falling mould, laid down at Nos. 2 and 3, the height at A, No. 2, is nothing; therefore, the height upon A, No. 1, is nothing: the height of the rail upon the point K, No. 1, is equal to the line GH, No. 2; and the height upon the point B, No. 1, is equal to the straight line BE, No. 2. Again, since in the falling mould, No. 3, the height upon B is nothing, so the height upon B, for the rail over its seat BLC, is nothing; the height upon L is the line IJ, and the height upon C is the straight line CF. The heights upon the points *c*, M, D, of the rail over CMD are the same as the heights upon the points *a*, K, B, of the rail over AKB.

Therefore, with the heights GH, BE, No. 2, find the intersections BN, No. 1, of a plane that would pass through the point *a*, and through the upper extremities of the lines erected upon K and B: next find CO, the intersection of a plane that would pass through the point *b*, and through the upper extremities of the lines standing upon L and C, and find DP, the intersection

of a plane passing through the point *c*, and through the lines standing upon *M* and *D*.

Draw any line, *QN*, in No. 1, perpendicular to *BN*. Draw any line, *OS*, perpendicular to *CO*, and draw any line, *PU*, perpendicular to *DP*. Draw *AR* perpendicular to *QN*, cutting *QN* in *Q*; draw *BT* perpendicular to *OS*, cutting *OS* in *S*; and draw *CV* perpendicular to *PU*, cutting *PU* in *U*. Make *QR* equal to *BE*, *ST* equal to *CF*, and *UV* equal to *BE*. Join *NR*, *OT*, and *PV*. The moulds, Nos. 4, 5, 6, being traced in the usual manner, are applied to the plank, as at No. 7, where the edge and the two adjacent sides are stretched out. The moulds are usually traced, as at No. 8; but this position will evidently give the same thing as the method here taken, exhibited in Nos. 4, 5, 6.

To find the Face and Falling Moulds of the Scroll of the Hand-rail.

Place the edge *DH*, (*pl.* LXVI,) of the pitch-board *DHI*, upon the side of the shank of the scroll, as exhibited in No. 1 and No. 2.

In *DH* take any number of points, *e, f, g, &c.*; and through these points draw lines, perpendicular to *DH*, cutting the convex edge of the scroll in *h, i, j*, and the concave edge in the points *k, l, m, &c.* Produce the lines *ke, lf, mg, &c.*, to meet the other edge, *HI*, of the pitch-board in *o, p, q*. Draw the straight lines *orv, psw, qtx*, perpendicular to *HI*, and the distances *ov, pw, qx, &c.*, respectively equal to *ek, fl, gm, &c.*; then, through all the points, *u, v, w, x, &c.*, draw a curve.

Again, make *or, ps, qt, &c.*, respectively equal to *eh, fi, gj, &c.*, and through the points *n, r, s, t, &c.*, draw a curve, and the two curved parts of the face-mould will be completed. Draw *cE, CH*, and *Dn*, perpendicular to *HD*, meeting the edge *HI* of the pitch-board in the points *E* and *n*. Draw *HG, EF, nu*, perpendicular to *HI*. Make *HG* equal to *HC*, and draw *GF* parallel to *HI*; also make *nu* equal to *Dd*, and draw *uK* parallel to *HI*; then the whole of the face-mould will be completed. The part *InuK* is termed the *shank of the face-mould*, the same as the part *PdDQ* is termed the *shank of the plan of the scroll*. The part *CcdPQDC* is got out of the plank by means

of the face-mould, by drawing the pitch-line on the edge of the stuff, then applying the mould, No. 2, to both sides of the plank, so that the same point of the face-mould may agree with the pitch-line, while the shank is parallel to the edge of the plank; then, the stuff being cut away, the piece, thus formed, being set up in its due position, will range to the plan.

The Falling Moulds for the concave and convex Sides of the Rail, are to be found as follows :

Suppose now that the rail is to have a continued fall to the point A, see the plan, No. 1. Stretch out the curve ABCD, No. 1, and draw the straight line AD, No. 3, and make AD, No. 3, equal to the curve line ABCD, No. 1. Apply the angular point of the pitch-board to some convenient point, B, in the line AD, No. 3, so that the edge may be on the line AD; then the other edge, LB, will form an angle, LBA, with AD. Draw AS perpendicular to AD, and make AS equal to the thickness of the scroll. Draw SR parallel to AD, cutting BL in R: ease off the angle LRS, by means of a parabolic curve; and this being done, will form the upper edge of the falling mould, for the convex side of the rail: then, through the point A, draw a curve line parallel to the upper curve; and thus the whole of the outside falling mould will be completed.

The inside falling mould will be found as follows: take the stretch out of the curve *abcd*, No. 1, and draw the straight line *ad*, No. 4, which make equal to the said curve. Divide AD, No. 3, and *ad*, No. 4, each into the same number of equal parts, the more the truer the work will be effected. We shall here suppose that sixteen equal parts will be sufficient; therefore each of the lines AD, *ad*, being divided into sixteen parts, at the points 1, 2, 3, 4, &c. Through all the points 1, 2, 3, 4, &c., No. 3, draw lines perpendicular to AD, cutting the upper curve at the points 5, 6, 7, 8, &c. and the under curve at the points, 9, 10, 11, &c. Again, through the points 1, 2, 3, 4, in the line *ad*, No. 4, draw perpendiculars 1-5, 2-9-6, 3-10-7, 4-11-8, &c. Make 1-5, 2-6, 3-7, 4-8, &c., in No. 4, respectively equal to 1-5, 2-6, 3-7, 4-8, &c., No. 3; then, through all the points 5, 6, 7, 8, &c.,

draw a curve; also draw as , in No. 4, perpendicular to ad , and join the point s to the curve: this being done, will complete the upper edge of the falling mould, for the concave side of the rail; then, through the point a , draw another curve; which, being done, will form the under line of the said falling mould.

The falling mould, No. 3, is applied to the convex side of the piece of stuff; and the other mould, No. 4, to the convex side of the said piece. The joint is made at the line Cc , and the remaining part of the scroll is made out of a single level block; but part of each falling mould, No. 3 and No. 4, is used as far as the line Aa ; the remaining part of the block to the line Aa .

CHAPTER IV.

AN EXPLANATION OF TERMS, AND DESCRIPTION OF TOOLS, USED IN CARPENTRY AND JOINERY.

1.—TERMS USED IN CARPENTRY AND JOINERY.*

ABUTMENT.—The junction or meeting of two pieces of timber, of which the fibres of the one extend perpendicular to the joint, and those of the other parallel to it.

ARRIS.—The line of concourse or meeting of two surfaces.

BACK OF A HAND-RAIL.—The upper side of it.

BACK OF A HIP.—The upper edge of a rafter, between the two sides of a hipped roof, formed to an angle, so as to range with the rafters on each side of it.

BACK-SHUTTERS OR BACK-FLAPS.—Additional breadths hinged to the front shutters, for covering the aperture completely, when required to be shut.

BACK OF A WINDOW.—The board, or wainscoting between the sash-frame and the floor, uniting with the two elbows, and forming part of the finish of a room. When framed, it has commonly a single panel, with mouldings on the framing, corresponding with the doors, shutters, &c., in the apartment in which it is fixed.

BASIL.—The sloping edge of a chisel, or of the iron of a plane.

BATTEN.—A scantling of stuff from two inches to seven inches in breadth, and from half an inch to one inch and a half in thickness.

* It has not been deemed necessary to include in this Chapter such Terms as have already been explained. GENERAL TERMS used in Building are given in the Glossary and Index hereafter.

BAULK.—A piece of fir or deal, from four to ten inches square, being the trunk of a tree of that species of wood, generally brought to a square, for the use of building.

BEAD.—A round moulding, commonly made upon the edge of a piece of stuff. Of beads there are two kinds; one flush with the surface, called a *quirk-bead*, and the other raised, called a *cock-bead*.

BEAM.—A horizontal timber, used to resist a force or weight; as a *tie-beam*, where it acts as a string or chain, by its tension; as a *collar-beam*, where it acts by compression; as a *bressummer*, where it resists a transverse insisting weight.

BEARER.—Any thing used by way of support to another.

BEARING.—The distance in which a beam or rafter is suspended in the clear: thus, if a piece of timber rests upon two opposite walls, the span of the void is called the *bearing*, and not the whole length of the timber.

BENCH.—A platform supported on four legs, and used for planing upon, &c.

BEVEL.—One side is said to be *bevelled* with respect to another, when the angle formed by these two sides is greater or less than a right angle.

BIRD'S MOUTH.—An interior angle, formed on the end of a piece of timber, so that it may rest firmly upon the exterior angle of another piece.

BLADE.—Any part of a tool that is broad and thin; as the blade of an axe, of an adze, of a chisel, &c.: but the blade of a saw is generally called the plate.

BLOCKINGS.—Small pieces of wood, fitted in, or glued, or fixed, to the interior angle of two boards or other pieces, in order to give strength to the joint.

BOARD.—A substance of wood contained between two parallel planes; as when the baulk is divided into several pieces by the pit-saw, the pieces are called *boards*. The section of boards is sometimes, however, of a triangular, or rather trapezoidal form; that is, with one edge very thin; these are called *feather-edged boards*.

BOND-TIMBERS.—Horizontal pieces, built in stone or brick walls, for strengthening them, and securing the battening, lath, and plaster, &c.

BOTTOM RAIL.—The lowest rail of a door.

BOXINGS of a Window.—The two cases, one on each side of a window, into which the shutters are folded.

BRACE.—A piece of slanting timber, used in truss-partitions, or in framed roofs, in order to form a triangle, and thereby rendering the frame immovable; when a brace is used by way of support to a rafter, it is called a *strut*. Braces, in partitions and span-roofs, are always, or should be, disposed in pairs, and placed in opposite directions.

BRACE and BITS.—The same as *stock and bits*, as explained hereafter.

BRAD.—A small nail, having no head except on one edge. The intention is to drive it within the surface of the wood, by means of a hammer and punch, and to fill the cavity flush to the surface with putty.

BREAKING DOWN, in sawing, is dividing the baulk into boards or planks; but, if planks are sawed longitudinally, through their thickness, the saw-way is called a *ripping-cut*, and the former a *breaking-cut*.

To BREAK-IN.—To cut or break a hole in brick-work, with the ripping-chisel, for inserting timber, &c.

BREAKING-JOINT is the joint formed by the meeting of several heading joints in one continued line, which is sometimes the case in folded floors.

BRESSUMMER or BREASTSUMMER.—A beam supporting a superincumbent part of an exterior wall, and running longitudinally below that part.—See **SUMMER**.

BRIDGED GUTTERS.—Gutters made with boards, supported below with bearers, and covered over with lead.

BRIDGING FLOORS.—Floors in which *bridging-joists* are used.

BRIDGING-JOISTS.—The smallest beams in naked flooring, for supporting the boarding for walking upon.

BUTTING-JOINT.—The junction formed by the surfaces of two pieces of wood, of which one surface is perpendicular to the fibres, and the other in their direction, or making with them an oblique angle.

CAMBER.—The convexity of a beam upon the upper edge, in order to prevent its becoming straight or concave by its own weight, or by the burden it may have to sustain, in course of time.

CAMBER-BEAMS.—Those beams used in the flats of truncated roofs, and raised in the middle with an obtuse angle, for discharging the rain-water towards both sides of the roof.

CANTALIVERS.—Horizontal rows of timber, projecting at right angles from the naked part of a wall, for sustaining the eaves or other mouldings. Sometimes they are planed on the horizontal and vertical sides, and sometimes the carpentry is rough and cased with joinery.

CARRIAGE of a STAIR.—The timber-work which supports the steps.

CARCASE of a BUILDING.—The naked walls, and the rough timber-work of the flooring and quarter partitions, before the building is plastered or the floors laid.

CARRY-UP.—A term used among builders or workmen, denoting that the walls, or other parts, are intended to be built to a certain given height; thus, the carpenter will say to the bricklayer, *Carry-up that wall; carry-up that stack of chimneys*; which means, build up that wall or stack of chimneys.

CASTING or WARPING.—The bending of the surfaces of a piece of wood from their original position, either by the weight of the wood, or by an unequal exposure to the weather, or by unequal texture of the wood.

CHAMFERING.—Cutting the edge of any thing, originally right-angled, aslope or bevel.

CLAMP.—A piece of wood fixed to the end of a thin board, by mortise and tenon, or by groove and tongue; so that the fibres of the one piece, thus fixed, traverse those of the board, and by this mean prevent it from casting: the piece at the end is called a *clamp*, and the board is said to be *clamped*.

CLEAR STORY WINDOWS, are those that have no transom.

CROSS-GRAINED STUFF, is that which has its fibres running in contrary positions to the surfaces; and, consequently, cannot be made perfectly smooth, when planed in one direction, without turning it, or turning the plane.

CROWN-POST.—The middle post of a trussed roof.—See KING-POST.

CURLING STUFF.—That which is occasioned by the winding or coiling of the fibres round the boughs of the tree, when they begin to shoot from the trunk.

DEAL TIMBER.—The timber of the fir-tree, as cut into boards, planks, &c., for the use of building.

DISCHARGE.—A post trimmed up under a beam, or part of a building which is weak, or overcharged by weight.

DOOR-FRAME.—The surrounding case of a door, into which, and out of which, the door shuts and opens.

DORMER, or DORMER-WINDOW.—A projecting window, in the roof of a house; the glass-frame, or casements, being set vertically, and not in the inclined sides of the roofs: thus *dormers* are distinguished from *skylights*, which have their sides inclined to the horizon.

DRAG.—A door is said to *drag* when it rubs on the floor. This arises from the loosening of the hinges, or the settling of the building.

DRAGON-BEAM.—The piece of timber which supports the hip-rafter, and bisects the angle formed by the wall-plates.

DRAGON-PIECE.—A beam bisecting the wall-plate, for receiving the heel or foot of the hip-rafters.

EDGING.—Reducing the edges of ribs or rafters, externally or internally, so as to range in a plane, or in any curved surface required.

ENTER.—When the end of a tenon is put into a mortise, it is said to *enter* the mortise.

FACE-MOULD.—A mould for drawing the proper figure of a hand-rail on both sides of the plank; so that, when cut by a saw, held at a required inclination, the two surfaces of the rail-piece, when laid in the right position, will be every where perpendicular to the plan.

FANG.—The narrow part of the iron of any instrument which passes into the stock.

FEATHER-EDGED BOARDS.—Boards, thicker at one edge than the other, and commonly used in the facing of wooden walls, and for the covering of inclined roofs, &c.

FENCE of a PLANE.—A guard, which obliges it to work to a certain horizontal breadth from the arris.

FILLING-IN PIECES.—Short timbers, less than the full length, as the jack-

rafters of a roof, the puncheons, or short quarters, in partitions, between braces and sills, or head-pieces.

FINE-SET.—A plane is said to be fine-set, when the sole of the plane so projects as to take a very thin broad shaving.

FIR POLES.—Small trunks of fir-trees, from ten to sixteen feet in length, used in rustic buildings and out-houses.

FREE STUFF.—That timber or stuff which is quite clean, or without knots, and works easily, without tearing.

FROWY STUFF.—The same as free stuff.

FURRINGS.—Slips of timber nailed to joists or rafters, in order to bring them to a level, and to range them into a straight surface, when the timbers are sagged, either by casting, or by a set which they have obtained by their weight, in length of time.

GIRDER.—The principal beam in a floor for supporting the binding-joists.

GLUE.—A tenacious viscid matter, which is used as a cement, by carpenters, joiners, &c.

Glues are found to differ very much from each other, in their consistence, colour, taste, smell, and solubility. Some will dissolve in cold water, by agitation; while others are soluble only at the point of ebullition. The best glue is generally admitted to be transparent, and of a brown yellow colour, without either taste or smell. It is perfectly soluble in water, forming a viscous fluid, which, when dry, preserves its tenacity and transparency in every part; and has solidity, colour, and viscosity, in proportion to the age and strength of the animal from which it is produced. To distinguish good glue from bad, it is necessary to hold it between the eye and the light; and if it appears of a strong dark brown colour, and free from cloudy or black spots, it may be pronounced to be good. The best glue may likewise be known by immersing it in cold water for three or four days, and if it swells considerably without melting, and afterwards regains its former dimensions and properties by being dried, the article is of the best quality.

In preparing glue for use, it should be softened and swelled by steeping it in cold water for a number of hours. It should then be dissolved, by gently

boiling it till it is of a proper consistence to be easily brushed over any surface. A portion of water is added to glue, to make it of a proper consistency, which proportion may be taken at about a quart of water to half a pound of glue. In order to hinder the glue from being burned, during the process of boiling, the vessel containing the glue is generally suspended in another vessel, which is made of copper, and resembles in form a tea-kettle without a spout. This latter vessel contains only water, and alone receives the direct influence of the fire.

A little attention to the following circumstances will tend, in no small degree, to give glue its full effect in uniting perfectly two pieces of wood: first, that the glue be thoroughly melted, and used while boiling hot; secondly, that the wood be perfectly dry and warm; and, lastly, that the surfaces to be united should be covered only with a thin coat of glue, and after having been strongly pressed together, left in a moderately warm situation, till the glue is completely dry. When it so happens that the face of surfaces to be glued cannot be conveniently compressed together in any great degree, they should, as soon as besmeared with the glue, be rubbed lengthwise, one on the other, several times, in order thereby to settle them close. When all the above circumstances cannot be combined in the same operation, the hotness of the glue and the dryness of the wood should, at all events, be attended to.

The qualities of glue are often impaired by frequent meltings. This may be known to be the case when it becomes of a dark and almost black colour; its proper colour being a light ruddy brown: yet, even then, it may be restored, by boiling it over again, refining it, and adding a sufficient quantity of fresh; but the fresh is seldom put into the kettle till what is in it has been purged by a second boiling.

If common glue be melted with the smallest possible quantity of water, and well mixed by degrees with linseed oil, rendered dry by boiling it with litharge, a glue may be obtained that will not dissolve in water. By boiling common glue in skimmed milk the same effect may be produced.

A small portion of finely levigated chalk is sometimes added to the common solution of glue in water, to strengthen it and fit it for standing the weather.

A glue that will resist both fire and water may be prepared by mixing a handful of quick lime with four ounces of linseed oil, thoroughly levigated, and then boiled to a good thickness, and kept in the shade, on tin-plates, to dry. It may be rendered fit for use by boiling it over a fire like common glue.

GRIND STONE.—A cylindrical stone, by which, on its being turned round its axis, edge-tools are sharpened, by applying the basil to the convex surface.

GROUND-PLATE or SILL.—The lowest plate of a wooden building for supporting the principal and other posts.

GROUNDS.—Pieces of wood concealed in a wall, to which the facings or finishings are attached, and having their surfaces flush with the plaster.

HANDSPIKE.—A lever for carrying a beam, or other body, the weight being placed in the middle, and supported at each end by a man.

HANGING STILE.—The stile of a door or shutter to which the hinge is fastened: also, a narrow stile fixed to the jamb on which a door or shutter is frequently hung.

HIP-ROOF.—A roof, the ends of which rise immediately from the wall-plate, with the same inclination to the horizon, as its other two sides. The *Backing of a Hip* is the angle made on its upper edge to range with the two sides or planes of the roof between which it is placed.

HOARDING.—An inclosure of wood about a building, while erecting or repairing.

JACK RAFTERS.—All those short rafters which meet the hips.

JACK RIBS.—Those short ribs which meet the angle ribs, as in groins, domes, &c.

JACK TIMBER.—A timber shorter than the whole length of other pieces in the same range.

INTERTIE.—A horizontal piece of timber, framed between two posts, in order to tie them together.

JOGGLE-PIECE.—A truss-post, with shoulders and sockets for abutting and fixing the lower ends of the struts.

JOISTS.—Those beams in a floor which support, or are necessary in the supporting, of the boarding or ceiling; as the *binding*, *bridging*, and *ceiling*, *joists*: girders are, however, to be excepted, as not being joists.

JUFFERS.—Stuff of about four or five inches square, and of several lengths. This term is out of use, though frequently found in old books.

KERF.—The way which a saw makes in dividing a piece of wood into two parts.

KING-POST.—The middle post of a trussed roof, for supporting the tie-beam at the middle, and the lower ends of the struts.

KNEE.—A piece of timber cut at an angle, or having grooves to an angle. In hand-railing a *knee* is a part of the back, with a convex curvature, and therefore the reverse of a *ramp*, which is hollow on the back.

KNOT.—That part of a piece of timber where a branch had issued out of the trunk.

LINING of a WALL.—A timber boarding, of which the edges are either rebated or grooved and tongued.

LINTELS.—Short beams over the heads of doors and windows, for supporting the inside of an exterior wall; and the super-incumbent part over doors, in brick or stone partitions.

LOWER RAIL.—The rail at the foot of a door next to the floor.

LYING PANEL.—A panel with the fibres of the wood disposed horizontally.

MARGINS or MARGENTS.—The flat part of the stiles and rails of framed work.

MIDDLE RAIL.—The rail of a door which is upon a level with the hand when hanging freely and bending the joint of the wrist. The back of the door is generally fixed in this rail.

MITRE.—If two pieces of wood be formed to equal angles, or if the two sides of each piece form equal inclinations, and two sides, one of each piece, be joined together at their common vertex, so as to make an angle, or an inclination, double to that of either piece, they are said to be *mitred* together, and the joint is called the *mitre*.

MORTISE and TENON.—These terms have been defined on pages 159, 160 : but, as no rules have ever yet been laid down, as a guide to the workman in choosing the proportions that mortises and tenons ought to bear to the wood, and as he is, therefore, left to depend entirely upon practice, we shall here notice that, from observing the proportions which are generally used and found to answer best, it is no difficult task to lay down a few regulations, as *data*, to which the workman may satisfactorily refer in his practice.

The TENON, in general, may be taken at about one-third of the thickness of the stuff.

When the mortise and tenon are to lie horizontally, as the juncture will thus be unsupported, the tenon should not be more than one-fifth of the thickness of the stuff; in order that the strain on the upper surface of the tenoned piece may not split off the under cheek of the mortise.

When the piece that is tenoned is not to pass the end of the mortised piece, the tenon should be reduced one-third or one-fourth of its breadth, to prevent the necessity of opening one side of the tenon. As there is always some danger of splitting the end of the piece in which the mortise is made, the end beyond the mortise should, as often as possible, be made considerably longer than it is intended to remain; so that the tenon may be driven tightly in, and the superfluous wood cut off afterwards.

But the above regulations may be varied, according as the tenoned or mortised piece is weaker or stronger.

The labour of making deep mortises, in hard wood, may be lessened, by first boring a number of holes with the auger, in the part to be mortised, as the compartments between may then more easily be cut away by the chisel.

Before employing the saw to cut the shoulder of a tenon, in neat work, if the line of its entrance be correctly determined by nicking the place with a paring chisel, there will be no danger of the wood being torn at the edges by the saw.

As the neatness and durability of a juncture depend entirely on the sides of the mortise coming exactly in contact with the sides of the tenon; and, as this is not easily performed when a mortise is to pass entirely through a

piece of stuff, the space allotted for it should be first of all correctly gauged on both sides. One-half is then to be cut from one side, and the other half from the opposite side; and as any irregularities which may arise from an error in the direction of the chisel, will thus be confined to the middle of the mortise, they will be of very little hinderance to the exact fitting of the sides of the mortise and tenon. Moreover, as the tenon is expanded by wedges after it is driven in, the sides of the mortise may, in a small degree, be inclined towards each other, near the shoulders of the tenon.

MULLION or MUNNION.—A large vertical bar of a window-frame, separating two casements, or glass-frames, from each other.

Vertical *mullions* are called *munnions*; and those which extend horizontally are *transoms*.

MUNTINS or MONTANTS.—The vertical pieces of the frame of a door between the stiles.

NAKED FLOORING.—The timber-work of a floor for supporting the boarding, or ceiling, or both.

NEWEL.—The post, in dog-legged stairs, where the winders terminate, and to which the adjacent string-boards are fixed.

OGEE.—A moulding, the transverse section of which consists of two curves of contrary flexure.

PANEL.—A thin board, having all its edges inserted in the groove of a surrounding frame.

PITCH of a Roof.—The inclination which the sloping sides make with the plane, or level of the wall-plate; or it is the proportion which arises by dividing the span by the height. Thus, if it be asked, What is the pitch of such a roof? the answer is, one-quarter, one-third, or half. When the pitch is half, the roof is a square, which is the highest that is now in use, or that is necessary in practice.

PLANK.—All boards above nine inches wide are called *planks*.

PLATE.—A horizontal piece of timber in a wall, generally flush with the inside, for resting the ends of beams, joists, or rafters, upon; and, therefore, denominated floor or roof plates.

POSTS.—All upright or vertical pieces of timber whatever; as *truss-posts*, *door-posts*, *quarters* in partitions, &c.

PRICK POSTS.—Intermediate posts in a wooden building, framed between principal posts.

PRINCIPAL POSTS.—The corner posts of a wooden building.

PUDLAIES.—Pieces of timber to serve the purpose of handspikes.

PUNCHIONS.—Any short post of timber. The small quarterings in a stud partition, above the head of a door, are also called *punchions*.

PURLINS.—The horizontal timbers in the sides of a roof, for supporting the spars or small rafters.

QUARTERING.—The stud work of a partition.

QUARTERS.—The timbers to be used in stud partitions, bond in walls, &c.

RAFTERS.—All the inclined timbers in the sides of a roof; as *principal rafters*, *hip rafters*, and *common rafters*; the latter are called, in most countries, *spars*.

RAILS.—The horizontal pieces which contain the tenons in a piece of framing, in which the upper and lower edges of the panels are inserted.

RAISING PLATES, or TOP PLATES.—The plates on which the roof is raised.

RANK-SET.—The edge of the iron of a plane is said to be *rank-set* when it projects considerably below the sole.

RETURN.—In any body with two surfaces, joining each other at an angle, one of the surfaces is said to *return* in respect of the other; or, if standing before one surface, so that the eye may be in a straight line with the other, or nearly so: this last is said to *return*.

RIDGE.—The meeting of the rafters on the vertical angle, or highest part, of a roof.

RISERS.—The vertical sides of the steps of stairs.

ROOF.—The covering of a house; but the word is used in carpentry for the wood-work which supports the slating, or other covering.

SCANTLING.—The transverse dimensions of a piece of timber; sometimes, also, the small timbers in roofing and flooring are called *scantlings*.

SCARFING.—A mode of joining two pieces of timber, by bolting or nailing

them transversely together, so that the two appear but as one. The joint is called a *scarf*, and the timbers are said to be *scarfed*.

SHAKEN STUFF.—Such timber as is rent or split by the heat of the sun, or by the fall of the tree, is said to be *shaken*.

SHINGLES.—Thin pieces of wood used for covering, instead of tiles, &c.

SHREADINGS.—A term not much used at present.—See FURRINGS, page 223.

SKIRTINGS OR SKIRTING BOARDS.—The narrow boards round the margin of a floor, forming a plinth for the base of the *dado*, or simply a plinth for the room itself, when there is no *dado*.

SKIRTS of a ROOF.—The projecture of the eaves.

SLEEPERS.—Pieces of timber for resting the ground-joists of a floor upon, or for fixing the planking to, in a bad foundation. The term was formerly applied to the *valley-rafters* of a roof.

SPARS.—A term by which the common rafters of a roof are best known in almost every provincial town in Great Britain; though, generally, called in London *common rafters*, in order to distinguish them from the principal rafters.

STAFF.—A piece of wood fixed to the external angle of the two upright sides of a wall, for floating the plaster to, and for defending the angle against accidents.

STILES of a DOOR, are the vertical parts of the framing at the edges of the door.

STRUTS.—Pieces of timber which support the rafters, and which are supported by the truss-posts.

SUMMER.—A large beam in a building, either disposed in an outside wall, or in the middle of an apartment, parallel to such wall. When a *summer* is placed under a superincumbent part of an outside wall, it is called a *bresssummer*, as it comes in abreast with the front of the building.

SURBASE.—The upper base of a room, or rather the cornice of the pedestal of the room, which serves to finish the *dado*, and to secure the plaster against accidents from the backs of chairs, and other furniture on the same level.

TAPER.—The form of a piece of wood which arises from one end of a piece being narrower than the other.

TENON.—See MORTISE.

TIE.—A piece of timber, placed in any position, and acting as a string or tie, to keep two things together which have a tendency to a more remote distance from each other.

TRANSOM WINDOWS.—Those windows which have horizontal mullions.

TRIMMERS.—Joists into which other joists are framed.

TRIMMING JOISTS.—The two joists into which a trimmer is framed.

TRUNCATED ROOF.—A roof with a flat on the top.

TRUSS.—A frame constructed of several pieces of timber, and divided into two or more triangles by oblique pieces, in order to prevent the possibility of its revolving round any of the angles of the frame.

TRUSSED ROOF.—A roof so constructed within the exterior triangular frame, as to support the principal rafters and the tie-beam at certain given points.

TRUSS-POST.—Any of the posts of a trussed roof, as a *king-post*, *queen-post*, or *side-post*, or posts into which the braces are formed in a trussed partition.

TRUSSELS.—Four-legged stools for ripping and cross-cutting timber upon.

TUSK.—The bevelled upper shoulder of a tenon, made in order to give strength to the tenon.

VALLEY RAFTER.—That rafter which is disposed in the internal angle of a roof.

UPHERS.—Fir-poles, from twenty to forty feet long, and from four to seven inches in diameter, commonly hewn on the sides, so as not to reduce the wane entirely. When slit they are frequently employed in slight roofs; but mostly used whole for scaffolding and ladders.

WALL-PLATES.—The joist-plates and raising plates.

WEB of an IRON.—The broad part of it which comes to the sole of the plane.

2.—TOOLS USED IN CARPENTRY AND JOINERY.

CARPENTER'S TOOLS.—The principal tools used in the rougher operations of Carpentry are the *Axe*, the *Adze*, the *Chisel*, the *Saw*, the *Mortise and Tenon Gauge*, the *Square*, the *Plumb-rule*, the *Level*, the *Auger*, the *Crow*, and the *Draw-bore Pin*, or *Hook-pin*, for drawboring. Of these the figures are represented in *plate LXVII*, saws excepted, which are shown in *plate LXVIII*, and described hereafter. These tools are all too well known to require a copious description.

The **AXE**, *fig. 1*, (*pl. LXVII*), is an edged tool, with a long wooden handle, used for chopping or trimming timber to a given form, and to prepare surfaces for being smoothed with the adze.

The **ADZE**, *fig. 2*, a sharp-edged tool, used for the purpose of trimming surfaces smooth, by chopping, in a horizontal position, after the operation of the saw or axe.

The **CHISEL**.—The *Socket-Chisel*, used in mortising, (*fig. 3*), differs from other chisels, (described hereafter,) in having a conical socket to receive the handle, instead of a tang and shoulder. It is commonly an inch and a quarter or an inch and a half broad. The lower part is a prismoid, the sides of which taper considerably downward, and the edges upward. The under end is in the form of a wedge, with the basil on the iron side and the edge on the lower end of the steel face.

MORTISE and TENON GAUGE.—See **GAUGE**, hereafter.

The **SQUARE** (*pl. LXVII, fig. 5*).—The *Carpenter's Square* is a rule of iron, about an inch broad, forming a right-angled triangle, and graduated into inches and parts. Of its two legs, one is eighteen and the other twelve inches in length. The first is numbered from the exterior angle; and the tops of the figures are, therefore, toward the outer edge. The other leg is numbered from the extremity towards the angle, and its figures are read from

the internal angle, as in the other side. This instrument is equally useful as a Square, a Level, and a Rule. Its use as a level, in taking angles, has been shown, thus : To take the angle which the heel of a rafter makes with the back, apply the end of the short leg to the heel-point of the rafter, and the edge of the square level across the plate ; extend a line from the ridge to the heel-point, and where this line cuts the perpendicular line of the square, mark the inches, and this will show how much it deviates from the square.

The PLUMB-RULE (*pl.* LXVII, *fig.* 6).—An oblong or prismatic piece of wood, having a line drawn down the middle of one side, parallel to the arrises or edges of the same face. It is used for ascertaining the vertical position of posts, &c., and so as to set them perpendicular to the horizon, by means of a plummet, or plumb, suspended by a line from the upper end of the rule, and allowed to vibrate freely, by an aperture in the lower end of the same.

To set up a post perpendicular, place the bottom of it in the situation required, and the sides as nearly vertical as the eye can direct. If insulated, let it thus be fixed with temporary braces, at least from two adjoining sides, but, if very heavy, from all the four sides : then try the plumb-rule upon one side, and if the thread coincides with the line, that side of the post is already *plumb*, or upright ; but if not, the top of the post must be moved forward or backward, as it may lean or hang, so much as required, until it is erect ; and this is to be effected by previously moving the front and rear braces and fixing them anew, while the others remain to support the other sides. Again, applying the rule as before, if there be a coincidence between the line and plummet-thread, the face is perpendicular ; but, if not, similar operations must be repeated, until it is found to be so. Proceed thus with the other two sides of the post, until these also are *plumb*, and the true vertical position will be determined.

The LEVEL (*pl.* LXVII, *fig.* 7).—A long rule of wood, ten or twelve feet in length, straight on one edge, and having another piece, in the middle of its length, fixed perpendicular thereto, with its sides in the same plane as the sides of the rule. The vertical piece is generally mortised into the other,

and firmly braced on each side, so as to secure it firmly in its position. This piece has its upper end kerfed in three places; one through the perpendicular line, and one on each side. On the under side of the straight edge of the transverse is a hole or notch, cut equally on each side of the perpendicular line. A plummet is so suspended by a string, from the middle kerf at the top of the vertical or standing piece, that, when hanging at length, the bottom of the plummet may not reach to the straight edge, but vibrate freely in the hole or notch.

If the straight edge of the level be applied to two distant points, the two sides being placed vertically, while the plummet hangs freely, and coincides with the straight line on the vertical piece, then these points are level: if otherwise, imagine one to be at the given height; then the other is to be heightened or lowered so as to make it level; and thus the implement is to be applied until the thread coincides with the perpendicular line.

In carpentry, the level is used to lay the upper edges of joists in naked flooring horizontal, by first levelling two beams as remote from each other as the length of the level will allow: the plummet may then be taken off, and the level used as a straight edge. In *levelling joists*, the best method is, first to make two remote joists level in themselves; that is to say, each throughout its own length, then the two level with each other: having settled these, bring one end of the intermediate joists straight with the two which have been levelled, then the other ends in the same manner; next apply the straight edge longitudinally on each intermediate joist, when those found to be hollow, if any, must be furred up.

The Level is adjusted by placing it in its vertical situation upon two pins or blocks of wood; then, if the plummet hangs freely, and settles upon the line in the standing piece, it is correct; but, if not, raise one end or lower the other to make it do so; then turn the level end for end, and if the plummet falls upon the line the level is just; if not, the bottom edge must be shot straight, and as much taken off as may be requisite, which will be ascertained by trying the level first one way and then the other, as before, until a perfect coincidence between the thread and the line is obtained.

The AUGER (*pl. LXVII, fig. 8*).—*The Auger* is the largest of all tools which are used for boring wood. It has a shaft, with a wooden handle at the upper end, at right angles with the shaft, which is towards the lower end made of steel, and the other portion of iron. The steel part is of a prismoidal form to some distance from the end, upwards. The point, or lower end, being furnished with a worm or screw, of a conic form, for the more readily entering the wood. The edges are almost parallel, though the sides taper, in a small degree, upwards. The upper portion of the shaft, above the steel part, is generally of a less size than the lower part, in order that it may pass the bore more freely. The axis of the shaft and the axis of the worm are in the same straight line. The lower end is, on one side of the cone, cut into a cavity, and forms on the narrow surface of the prism a projecting cutting edge, called the *tooth*. The lower end of the other side of the cone projects in the form of a wedge before the prismoidal part of the face, the cutting edge being formed by the line of concurrence of the two sides of the wedge. The greatest extremity of the lower end is the vertex of the cone, the cutting edge of the tooth being somewhat nearer to the handle, and the cutting edge of the wedge-like part nearer still.

This construction of the auger is of very modern date; but it has many advantages over the older form, as, without any previous hole, it pierces the wood much truer; and, likewise, it spontaneously discharges the chips or core in the form of a spiral shaving; neither of which properties the older form of the auger possesses.

The CROW (*pl. LXVII, fig. 9*).—A large bar of iron, used as a lever to raise the ends of heavy timber, in order to lay a roller or another piece of timber under it. This instrument is commonly formed with claws, as represented in the plate.

The DRAW-BORE PIN (*pl. LXVII, fig. 10*).—A conical implement of iron, with a hooked head, declining upwards in the form of a wedge. They are furnished with tangs and shoulders, and fitted into handles like chisels. They are used after the tenons have been entered in the mortises, and bored, to draw the shoulders of the tenons home to their abutments in the mortise-

cheeks, in the following manner: the tenon is inserted, and drawn as nearly into its proper place as possible, and then marked on both sides, through the hole in the mortise-cheeks. The tenon is then taken out again, and bored through a little nearer the shoulder than the centre of these marks, and again entered, and brought with its shoulder as near to the abutment as possible. By thus using the draw-bore pins, the wood on the sides of the holes will be hardened; and thus the wooden peg, when driven in, will maintain a firmer hold.

OTHER TOOLS, USED INDISCRIMINATELY BY CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, ARE
AS FOLLOW :

BEETLE OR MAUL.—A larger kind of mallet, (see *Mallet*, hereafter,) having a handle about three feet long, and used for knocking the corners of framed work, to set it in its proper position, and for driving short piles into the ground, for which purposes both hands are employed in striking the blow.

BENCH (*pl.* LXIX, *fig.* 12).—The *Joiner's Bench* is composed of a platform or *top*, supported by four substantial legs. Near the fore-end is an upright prismatic pin, *a*, which slides stiffly in a mortise through the top. This is called the *Bench-hook*, and ought to be fitted so tight as to be moved up and down by the blow of a hammer or mallet only. The use of the bench-hook is to keep the wood steady, while the workman, in the act of planing, presses it forward. ABCD is a vertical board, called the *side-board*, fixed to the legs, on the hither side of the bench, and flush with the legs. At the farther end of the side-board, opposite to it and the bench-hook, is a rectangular prismatic piece of wood, *bb*, the two broad surfaces of which are parallel to the vertical face of the side-board: this is moveable, in a straight horizontal direction, by mean of a screw, passing through an interior screw, fixed to the inside of the side-board, and called the *screw-check*. The screw and screw-check together are called the *bench-screw*; and the two adjacent vertical surfaces of the screw-check and of the side-board have been denominated the *cheeks* of the bench-screw.

The bench-screw is used to fasten boards between the cheeks, in order to plane their edges; but as the screw holds up only one end of a board, the leg E of the bench, and the side-board, are both pierced with holes, each of which admits a pin for supporting the other end at any required height. The screw-check has also a horizontal piece, called the *Guide*, which is mortised and fixed fast to it, and made to slide through the side-board, for preventing its turning round.

The heights of benches vary; but the medium is about two feet eight inches. The common length is from ten to twelve feet; and breadth two feet six inches. The top-boards upon the farther side are sometimes only ten feet long, while the front side is twelve feet: thus projecting two feet at the hinder part, or end to the right hand.

In order to prevent tottering, the legs of the bench should not be less than three inches and a half square; and they should be well braced, particularly the two on the working side. The top-board, in front, should be from one inch and a half to two inches thick; the thicker the better. The boards on the farther side may be from an inch to an inch and a quarter thick.

Each pair of end legs are mostly coupled together by two rails dovetailed into them. Between each pair of coupled legs the length of the bench is commonly divided into three or four equal parts, and transverse bearers fixed at the divisions to the side-boards, the upper sides being flush with those of the side-boards, for the purpose of supporting the top firmly, and keeping it from bending. The place of the screw is behind the two fore legs; that of the bench-hook immediately before the bearers of the fore legs; and that of the guide at some distance before the bench-hook.

For the convenience of keeping things out of the way, the rails at the ends are boarded; and, for farther accommodation, some benches have a *locker*, or cavity, which is formed by boarding the under edges of the side-boards before the hind legs, and closing the ends vertically, so that this cavity is between the top and the boarding under the side-boards: the opening to

it is an aperture formed by sliding a part of the top-board towards the hinder end.

The bench-hook is sometimes covered with an iron plate, the front edge of which is formed into sharp teeth, which stick fast into the wood to be planed, so as to prevent its slipping. Instead of such a plate, nails may be driven obliquely through the edge, and filed into points, having a wedge-like form.

The BEVEL, (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 12,) is similar to the *Square*, described hereafter, and having a *stock*, *ab*; and *blade*, *bc*. As the blade of this implement is moveable, it may readily be applied to the angle of any piece of stuff, so as to transfer it to another piece; but the joint must be very stiff, or it cannot be depended on for remaining in the same position in which it was set. The joiner's bevel, though not usually so made, would be much superior to what it is at present, if made in the same manner as the bevel used by the stone-mason; that is to say, with a screw adapted to it, so as to fix and retain the blade at any angle which may be required.

BITS.—See *Stock and Bits*, hereafter.

BRAD-AWL, or SPRIG-BIT, (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 3,) is the smallest tool used for boring; it is formed for making perforations to admit the small slender nails, without heads, called *brads* or *sprigs*. The handle is the frustum of a cone, tapering downwards, and is fastened into the brad-awl as far as the shoulder, which commences where the tang terminates. The steel part, below the shoulder, is cylindrical nearly to the extremity, which is flattened, and forms the cutting edge by the meeting of two basils, ground equally from each side. The hole formed by the brad-awl is made by placing the cutting edge transversely to the fibres of the wood, and working it to and fro about half round before the motion is reversed. The hole made by the brad-awl is not produced as by other boring tools, which take away a part of the substance of the wood, but by displacing and condensing it around the hole.

CHISELS. (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 4, &c.)—The very large kinds of chisels, which are used for heavy and coarse work, are generally made of steel and iron,

welded together. But the far greater portion is of iron, as the steel seldom, if ever, extends higher than the broad part of the chisel, and is often no thicker than a third part of the whole mass of metal. The middle-sized and smaller kinds of chisels are always made of cast steel.

As all chisels, except those used in turning, and the socket-chisel, are more or less worked by being driven with the percussive force of a hammer or mallet, they are formed with a shoulder, to abut against the end of the handle, into which the *tang* is driven, in order to prevent the handle from being split by the force of the blows. The *basil* of chisels is on one side, and, when well formed, is perfectly flat.

We shall now enumerate the chisels which are most generally used. The handles of chisels which are to be driven by concussion should be made convex, as they will then be less liable to be split, or injured by blows.

The **GOUGE** of the carpenter and cabinet-maker is similar in size and form to that used by the turner, but it is not always set in the same manner; the edge of the turner's being convex, whereas that of the joiner and cabinet-maker is, for small work, made straight across the end. But as the mill-wrights generally cut with the gouge perpendicularly, the gouge used by them often has the *basil* on the hollow or concave side of the gouge.

For the **SOCKET-CHISEL**, see *Carpenter's Tools*, page 232. It is the same in carpentry as the mortise-chisel is in joinery.

The **FIRMER CHISEL**, (*pl. LXVIII, fig. 4.*) is a thin broad chisel, with the sides parallel to a certain length, and then tapering, so as to become much narrower towards the shoulder. It is used by being driven by the blows of a mallet on the handle.

The **PARING CHISEL** differs from the above in no other respect than the manner of using it; being employed by the hand for cutting or paring, instead of being driven by a mallet.

The **MORTISE-CHISEL**, (*pl. LXVIII, fig. 5.*) as its name implies, is used in forming mortises. The section of this chisel is a rectangle, almost approaching to a square, with its *basil* on one side of its narrow sides. It is necessarily made very strong, as it would not otherwise be able to sustain the heavy

blows of the mallet, and still less the force that is often applied to it when it is used as a lever, to remove the pieces of wood which it cuts in the course of mortising.

The GAUGE (*pl. LXVIII, fig. 13,*) consists of a rectangular prism, called the *head*, with a mortise of the same figure cut through it, between two of its opposite sides. In the mortise is inserted another square prism, called the *stem*, which is furnished with a steel point, nearly at the end of one of the surfaces, in the direction of its length, and projecting just sufficient to mark the surface of a piece of stuff when pressed thereon. The head can be set at any required distance from the steel point, by striking one or other end of the stem with a mallet, and then securing it at the point desired, by means of a small wedge, which passes through one of the sides of the mortise, and bears upon the stem.

The *Mortise-Gauge* is similar to the common guage, only it is furnished with two teeth instead of one; the one of which can be placed at any distance from the other, which is stationary at the end of the stem. This guage, as its name implies, is used for gauging mortises and tenons.

The GIMBLET (*pl. LXVIII, fig. 2,*) is a piece of steel, of a cylindric form, furnished with a worm or screw at the lower end, and with a transverse handle at the upper. It is used for boring small holes, by being turned round by the handle, while the screw at the other end draws it forward into the wood. To receive the core of the wood, it is formed with a cylindric cavity called the *cup*, just above the screw or worm; and it is by the edges, formed by means of the angle of the exterior and interior cylinders, that the fibres of the wood are cut across.

As the gimblet is a small tool of very slender construction, it is very liable to be twisted and broken before the workman is aware, unless it be frequently withdrawn, in order to remove the core excavated from the wood, as often as the cup or groove is filled. If the point of a gimblet is once broken, or the arris of the screw blunted, as it is very tedious and laborious to work with them in that state, they are generally thrown aside; but, though the grindstone cannot be applied for sharpening the gimblet, yet the point and

arris of the screw may, in a few minutes, be rendered fit for use again, by being sharpened with a file.

GOUGE.—See *Chisels*.

The HAMMER (*pl. LXIX, fig. 10*,) consists of a piece of iron or steel, flat at one end, for driving nails, &c.; and furnished at the other end with claws, inclined backwards towards the handle, so that the other end of the hammer may not penetrate into the wood in the act of drawing out nails with the claws. This inclination, likewise, encreases the power employed, by lessening the distance of the force to be overcome by the fulcrum.

The heads of hammers are fastened into their handles by two different methods: the first, by having plates of iron, extending from the head on each side, and thus forming a socket for the reception of the handle, which is fastened therein by means of screws, admitted into the wood of the handle through one or more holes in each of these plates of iron; the second method of fastening the handle into the head, is by passing the handle through a perforation in the head, and fastening it therein by wooden wedges driven in at the end of it.

The object of having the head of the hammer perfectly well secured to the handle is indispensable, in order to avoid many accidents which might otherwise occur; but, though the first method is certainly well adapted to this end, yet, as the plates of iron render the handle inflexible at the very part where it is desirable that there should be some degree of spring, and, as the latter method possesses this advantage over the former, and may, moreover, be made equally secure, by dipping the wedges in glue before they are driven in; the latter manner of fastening the handle to the head must certainly obtain the preference.

The MALLET (*pl. LXIX, fig. 9*,) is, in construction, similar to the hammer, excepting that the head is a thick block of wood, in the form of the frustum of a pyramid. It possesses several advantages over the hammer; as, being of wood, it is less liable to damage substances struck with it; and being of equal weight, and, at the same time presenting a large surface, it is more easy to hit the ends of chisels, &c., with the mallet than with the hammer.

Mallets are generally made of the soundest and toughest wood that can be procured, as ash, beech, or the harder kinds of elm. They are usually made rather concave on that side into which the handle enters, and somewhat convex on the other; and, consequently, the ends with which the object is struck are not parallel with the handle, but inclined to it and to each other: but still the manner in which the blow is struck with the mallet, renders the striking end parallel with the surface struck.

Mallets are used principally for mortising and driving pins into wood.

MAUL.—See *Beetle*, page 236.

The MITRE SQUARE, an instrument so called because it bisects a right angle, or mitres a square; it is similar to the bevel, already described, excepting that the blade is set immoveably in the stock. It is used to strike an angle of forty-five degrees; this angle being required in joinery more frequently than any other angle, excepting the right angle.

The mitre square is used by laying the guide of the handle upon the arris, and sliding it along the face of the stuff till the oblique edge comes to the place required. By this edge the line required may be drawn.

PLANES.—Before we enter on a description of the various kinds of *Planes*, it may be useful to give a short explanation of the technical terms which it will be necessary to make use of in noticing this important class of tools. The *stock* (*a*, *fig. 1*, *pl. LXIX.*) is the block of wood in which the blade of the plane is fixed: it is generally made of well-seasoned beech, or any other species of close-grained hard wood. The *blade*, (*c*), which is called the iron of the plane, is made of iron and steel, welded together; the lower portion of the fore part, which goes into the stock, being of steel, and the remaining part of iron.

The *sole* of a plane is the under side of the stock, and the *height* or *depth* is the dimension of the plane from the sole to the upper surface. The *bed*, (*e*), which is a plane of various angles, according to the use for which the plane is intended, is the aperture in the stock, upon which the iron is laid, and secured by the wedge (*d*). The angle of the bed of the *jack-plane*, *trying-plane*, and *smoothing-plane*, is generally from forty-two to forty-five

degrees; that of the *moulding-plane* about forty-five; and of those planes which operate by scraping, not more than four or five degrees: that is, they are nearly perpendicular. The *pitch* is the angle which the iron makes with the perpendicular mentioned above; and the greater this angle, the lower is the pitch of the iron said to be. The *basil*, which is the sloping edge of the iron of the plane, forms an acute angle with that steel side which is not ground, but always kept level. In grinding and whetting the irons of planes the basil must be made as flat as possible, or rather, in a small degree, concave, otherwise it will not seem to be sharp when used. For working soft wood the basil is usually made in an angle of twelve degrees, and for hard wood eighteen; it being remarked that the more acute the basil is, the better the instrument cuts; and the more obtuse, the stronger and fitter it is for service. The handle of a plane (*b*) is called the *tote*.

The generality of planes are about three inches and one-eighth deep; the jack-plane being something more, and the smoothing-plane something less. As it was found remarkably difficult to plane cross-grained stuff with the planes in common use, it became necessary to make planes for this purpose with a double blade (Nos. 1, 2, 3, *fig.* 4). The addition, in this case, consists of a piece of iron of the same breadth as the blade, with its lower end very thin, and its edge of the same shape as the edge of the blade. This piece of iron is called the *top-iron*, and is fastened to the other blade, by means of a screw fixed in the under blade, at the most convenient and useful distance from the edge. The edge of the top-iron should never extend below the sole of the plane, and should be at a certain distance from the edge of the plane, according to the thickness of the shaving which is required to be taken. The edge of the top-iron is arched in a small degree towards the lower end, so that the screw may necessarily make it fit so correctly to the level surface of the blade, that no shavings can get between, which is indispensable for its working clean and neat. The top-iron is generally used in the jack-plane, trying-plane, long-plane, and jointer-plane; but not in the smoothing-plane, or in any of the various kinds of moulding planes.

The *Wedge*, for tightening the iron, is represented in Nos. 1 and 2, *fig. 5*. The first being the longitudinal section, and the second the front, with the hollow below for the head of the screw.

If, after having fastened the wedge of a plane, it is found that the iron projects too much, the blow of a hammer on the fore-end of the stock, or on the upper surface, near the orifice for the shavings, will slacken the wedge, so that it may easily be withdrawn by the hand, and fastened again more correctly.

We shall now give a short account of the various kinds of planes, and their general uses.

The *Jack-Plane* (*pl. LXIX, fig. 1*.) is the first which is used by the joiner, being about seventeen inches in length, and adapted for taking off the greater irregularities, which any other instrument may have left on the surface of the stuff. The cutting edge of the iron of this plane rises with an arch of considerable convexity, in order to suit the coarseness of the work: for the same end, the mouth or opening for admitting the shavings through the stock is much wider at the sole than that of any other plane. The convexity of the cutting edge of the iron is necessary, in order that the work may not be spoiled, nor the progress of the workman impeded, by the corners of the blade of the plane entering the wood. The iron is often used without a cover: and its projection must depend on the nature and convexity of the stuff to be worked. If it be very hard and knotty, the projection must be much less than if it were for the most part of a clean unbroken nature. Experience will soon teach the proper degree requisite, as the workman will soon discover when it takes hold so deeply as to tear the stuff and produce additional labour, or when it requires more than usual pressing down, or a repetition of the strokes, in order to reduce the wood. Both these extremes must be avoided. This plane is worked only within the arms' length.

The *Trying-Plane*, (*pl. LXIX, fig. 2*.) having a *double tote*, is used to regulate and smooth, to a higher degree, the surface of a piece of stuff that has already been reduced to its intended form by means of the jack-plane.

Its length is about twenty-one or twenty-two inches. The iron does not project so much as that of the jack-plane, and it is likewise broader and less convex on its edge. It is worked by pushing it along the whole length of the stuff, and thus taking off a shaving of the same length.

The *Long Plane* is the third plane made use of in facing a piece of stuff, which it does with the utmost exactness. It is generally about two feet three or four inches in length, with a somewhat broader iron than the trying-plane, and with less projection and convexity.

The *Jointer-Plane* is the longest of all the planes; its edge is very fine, with barely the projection of a hair's breadth. Its length is about thirty inches; and it is used for shooting the edges to boards perfectly straight, so that their juncture may scarcely be discernible when their surfaces are joined together.

The *Strike-Block Plane* is similar in nature to the jointer, but much smaller, being only about eleven or twelve inches in length. It is used in the place of the jointer for shooting short blocks, or the ends of boards across the fibres, when the great dimensions of the jointer would render it very unhandy for these purposes. The angle of the plane of its bed is likewise lower than that of the jointer, it being increased, for soft wood only, two or three degrees; but for fine cabinet work, when the stuff is hard, it is often made so as to form an angle with the perpendicular of about fifty-five or even sixty degrees. In this case, the position of the basil is reversed, so as to be next the fore end, or in front of the stock.

The *Smoothing-Plane*, (*pl. LXIX, fig. 3.*) without a tote, is the last plane which is made use of in giving the utmost degree of smoothness to the surface of a piece of finished work. It differs in shape from all the planes yet mentioned, being about seven inches in length, with the sides of the stock convex, so as to resemble the figure of a coffin. The smallness of this plane fits it admirably for smoothing small portions of a surface which the large planes would not be able to touch. Besides, as it is wrought like the jack-plane, in small strokes, its direction can easily be varied, so as to suit cross-grained stuff. But though it is not adapted to produce straightness of sur-

face, yet the inequalities which it may have will be so imperceptible, that it will be impossible for them to deface, in the slightest degree, the surface of desks, tables, and other furniture, even of the most finished description.

The *Tooth-Plane* is fitted with a blade or iron, on the steel side of it covered with rakes or small grooves, close to each other, and all in the direction of its length, so as to act by scraping or scratching. The stock is usually of the shape and size of the smoothing plane, and the bed of the stock, for receiving the blade or iron, is inclined only about six degrees; and thus the iron, when fixed, works almost perpendicular to the sole of the stock. Without this instrument, the workman would often find the utmost difficulty in planing many kinds of cross and twisted-grained stuffs; for, although the double iron is an excellent invention, and the use of it the best and most general remedy against curling and cross-grained stuff of ordinary quality, yet it is often found defective in working some fine specimens of mahogany, and still more of fustic. But, with the tooth-plane, let the nature and texture of the stuff be as hard and cross-grained as possible, its surface may be made every where alike, and left no rougher than if it had been rubbed over with a piece of new fish-skin; and this roughness may be easily and effectually removed with a scraper.

The *Forkstaff-Plane* is similar to the smoothing plane in size and shape; but the sole is concave, and the concavity is in the direction of the length of the plane. The use of the forkstaff-plane is to form a convex cylindrical surface, when the wood to be wrought is bent with the fibres in the direction of the curve; as the convex surfaces of the rims of carriage-wheels, or the top rails of camp-bedsteads, and work of a similar nature. Consequently, forkstaff-planes must be of various sizes, to form the surfaces of various radii.

The *Compass-Plane* is similar to the smoothing plane in every respect, as to size and shape; but the sole forms a convex surface, in order to suit itself to planing concave surfaces; and, consequently, compass-planes must be of various sizes, to accommodate different diameters.

The *Rebat* or *Rebating Plane* is used after a piece of stuff has been previously tryed on one side and shot on the other, or tryed on both sides, to

take away (by shavings) from the edge a piece, in the form of a square or rectangular prism, so as to leave a groove, consisting of two surfaces at right angles to each other. Various kinds of cornices and other ornamental work require this mode of reducing the stuff. The rebat-plane is also frequently used, as its name may show, to form a groove to receive the edge of another board, cut in like manner, so that the one may lap over the other to the breadth of the rebat, and form one even surface. From the planes hitherto described the shavings escape at the top, but in the rebating plane they escape at the side. Rebating planes are of various kinds: some have a fence to regulate the horizontal breadth; others are provided with a stop to determine the vertical extent or depth of the rebat; and some have both stop and fence, and others neither. Those rebating planes which have no fence, have the iron of the same breadth at the sole. Some have the cutting edge of the iron only on the side, and others only on the bottom of the stock: these are used for dressing and finishing off with the greatest exactness, separately, both sides of the rebat.

Fillisters are a sort of rebating plane, used for sinking or cutting away, the edge of a piece of wood to form the rebat, leaving it for the others to smooth the surfaces when cut. These are represented in *plate LXIX, figures 6 and 7*. The first is the *Sash Fillister*, which throws the shavings off the bench: *a* denotes the head of one *stem*; *b* of the other; *c* the iron; *d* the wedge; *e* thumb-screw for moving the stop up and down; *b, f*, fence for regulating the distance of the rebat from the arris. The second, *fig. 7*, is the *Moving Fillister*, for throwing the shavings on the bench. No. 1 is the right-hand side of the plane; *a* the brass stop; *b* the thumb-screw of the same; *cde* tooth, the upper part, *cd*, on the outside of the neck, and the part *de* passing through the solid of the body, with a small part open above; *e* the tang of the iron tooth; *ee* the guide of the fence. No. 2 represents the bottom of the plane turned up; *a* the guide of the stop; *ff* the fence, showing the screws for regulating the guide; *gg* the mouth and the cutting edge of the iron.

The *Plough-Plane* (*pl.* LXIX, *fig.* 8,) is used for sinking a groove in a board, by taking away a solid in the form of a rectangular prism, so as to leave a ridge on either side. The operation of cutting with this instrument is called *ploughing*. In order to prevent the cumbersomeness and expense of being obliged to use a different plough for every different sized groove which may be required, the *Universal Plough* was invented. This instrument is provided with a fence, which has two stems, with keys and a stop, moved by a thumb-screw. The sole of this plane is the bottom narrow side of two vertical iron plates, which are something thinner than the narrowest iron. The iron and wedge are inserted in the same manner as in the rebating planes. The fore-end of the hind plate forms the lower part of the bed of the iron, with a projecting angle in the middle, and an external angle adapted to the bed-side of each angle: thus the iron is prevented from being moved by any sudden obstruction. The fore iron-plate is cut with a cavity, similar to the common rebat-planes. The stop and fence of this universal plough being moveable, it will readily admit, according to the extent of the groove desired, the particular sized iron which will be necessary.

Moulding Planes are used for forming curved surfaces of the greatest diversity of contour or form, which is necessarily the reverse of the moulding of the plane. The figure of the edge of the iron, and that of the sole of the plane, should exactly correspond. Single mouldings, or different moulding in assemblage, have various names, according to their figure, combination, or situation. Mouldings are formed either by a plane reversed to the intended section; by a fence and stop, which causes them to have the same transverse section throughout; or by several planes, adapted as nearly as possible to the different degrees of curvature. In whetting the irons of moulding planes, the greatest caution should be taken that its form is not injured thereby. The whole of the sole, or, at all events, the ridges of the moulding, particularly if the base be narrow, should be formed of box-wood, as no other wood unites, in so great a degree, the valuable properties of smoothness, toughness, and durability.

SAWS.—The best saws are made of plates of tempered steel, ground bright and smooth; they are known to be well-tempered by the stiff-bending of the blade, and to be well and evenly ground by their bending equally in a bow. The back of the saw is always thinner than the edge in which the teeth are cut, in order that it may more readily follow the edge. The instrument made use of for cutting and sharpening the teeth of a saw is a triangular file; but it is necessary, in order to perform this operation well, that the blade of the saw should be fixed in a vice or whetting-block. If the teeth of the saw make the kerf or fissure barely of the width of the thickness of the saw-plate, the motion of the tool must necessarily be much impeded by friction. In order to hinder this inconvenience, when the teeth have been filed, they are turned out of the right line, alternately, first to the right and then to the left: thus, the fissure made in the wood is wider than the thickness of the plate of the saw, and thus all inconvenience from friction is avoided. The facility of cutting will moreover be greater, if the extremity of each tooth at the outside corner is left a little higher than that of the inside. The above-mentioned operation is called *setting a saw*.

The teeth of saws are usually bent with a piece of iron or steel, which has several nicks in the edge, at right angles to its length, and of various sizes. This instrument is about five or six inches long. The operation is performed in the following manner: The blade of the saw should first be fastened in a vice, in order to retain it firmly; and then, having selected the nick which will exactly fill the tooth intended to be bent, the instrument is twisted up or down, according to circumstances; and thus the effect of bending the tooth is readily and speedily produced. The teeth of a saw are made larger or smaller, according to the coarseness or fineness of the stuff which they are intended to cut. Coarse teeth would find so much resistance from hard and fine-grained wood, that additional labour would be required for the operation. The degree of acuteness required for the teeth of saws is comprised in an angle of about sixty degrees. Hence the outer arris of each tooth should be made sharp, by moving the file in a straight direction, and thus leaving the slanting sides of the teeth flat.

The front edge or apex of the teeth of saws that are used for dividing wood in the direction of its fibres, should be made standing nearly as forward as the base of the tooth on that side which is next to the lower end of the plane. But, for cutting wood transversely, or in a contrary direction to its fibres, this form would greatly hinder the operation of pushing the saw forward; and, therefore, saws used for this purpose, usually have the apex of the tooth no more forward than the centre of its base.

The operation of sharpening saws is generally performed, in large towns, by persons who get their entire livelihood thereby, and who receive no small share of praise when they perform the operation well. The persons who generally apply to them are journeymen, who do not reflect that the ingenuity which they so much praise might be acquired in less time than is wasted by carrying, looking after, and fetching, their tools; and thus, if they had nothing to pay for the work, and suffered no inconvenience from being deprived of tools which they are constantly in want of, they can still be no gainers by employing others to do that which they might themselves learn to do equally well, without any expense, and in the same portion of time.

The following is a list of the saws in common use: *viz.*

The *Pit-Saw*, a large saw, with two handles, used by sawyers in a pit, for reducing trunks of trees, &c., into boards or planks.

The *Whip-Saw*.—This saw has likewise two handles, and differs from the *pit-saw* in not being used in a pit; but still it is employed for reducing such pieces of timber as are too large to be reached by the hand-saw.

The *Hand-Saw* (*pl. LXVIII, fig. 6.*) has a blade or plate about twenty-six inches long, so that it can easily be made use of by the hand. It is used not only for cutting wood in the direction of the fibres, but, likewise cross-ways. The teeth, in general, are made about four in the inch; but, as the workman has less power in working the saw towards the first part of its course, the teeth at the lower end are made rather smaller than those towards the upper end, or broadest part, of the plate; and, by this mean, the surface and sides of the kerf are less torn than they otherwise would have been, particularly in

cross-cutting, providing the teeth had all been of the same size throughout the blade.

The *Panel-Saw* has a plate nearly of the same size as the hand-saw; but being used for cutting very thin boards in any direction, it contains about half as many more teeth, in the same length, than the hand-saw.

The *Bow-Saw*, or *Frame-Saw*, has a plate which is too long and narrow to be kept straight without a frame, and it is, therefore, furnished with cheeks, in order to tighten the plate. This is performed by twisting the cords which reach from one cheek to the other at the upper ends, by means of a tongue in the middle; for the upper ends, being thus drawn closer together, the lower ones are necessarily set farther apart, and thus the frame is tightened, and consequently the plate.

The *Tenon-Saw* (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 7,) derives its name from being used for forming the shoulders of tenons; and therefore it is made so as to cut across the fibres of the wood. The largest saws of this kind are about twenty inches in length, and the smallest about fourteen inches. The size of the teeth, in this kind of saw, differs according to the length of the plate; the larger sizes having fewer teeth in the same space. The average may be from eight to ten in an inch.

The *Sash-Saw* (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 8,) has a plate about eleven inches in length, and contains about fourteen teeth in the inch. It derives its name from being used for cutting the tenons of sashes.

The *Dove-tail Saw* takes its name from being used in dove-tailing drawers, &c. The plate is in length about nine inches, and contains about fifteen teeth in an inch. The plates of the three last named saws, *viz.* the tenon-saw, the sash-saw, and the dove-tail-saw, are so thin as to require a back, in order to keep them from bending. This back is formed of a stout piece of brass or iron, with a groove, into which the back of these saws are let in; and, as these saws are not required to cut wood the whole length, this addition does not in the least hinder the process of working with them.

The *Compass-Saw* (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 9,) has a very peculiar formation; for, being used to cut circular, or any other compass, kerf, and as the setting of

the teeth of a saw has a tendency to keep it in a right line, the teeth of this saw are never set. Moreover, as it would be impossible to keep a saw in a circular direction if the plate was of any width, the plate of this saw does not exceed an inch in the broadest part, and gradually diminishes to about one-quarter of an inch at the lower end. To give it a greater compass, in order to turn it, the back is generally made considerably thinner than the cutting edge: and, if the sides of the saw are not correctly flat, they should be a little concave, like a razor, to facilitate the working with them.

The *Key-hole Saw* (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 10,) is similar to the compass-saw, only much smaller, and is used for quick curves, such as key-holes. The handle is of the same shape as that of a chisel, but it is perforated through its whole length, and has a screw on one side, in order that the blade of the saw may be set at any distance within the handle, and made firm by the screw. By this mean the unsteadiness which would naturally occur from the narrowness of the blade is removed, and greater force may be used without the danger of breaking the blade. This saw is particularly useful in cutting small curves, or at the commencement of a work.

The *SIDE-HOOK*, for cutting the shoulders of tenons is represented in *plate* LXIX, *fig.* 11. It is a rectangular solid of wood, with projecting knobs upon its alternate sides. Every joiner should have, at least, two side-hooks of equal size. The use of these is to hold a board fast, when its fibres lie in the direction of the length of the bench, while the workman is cutting across them with a saw or grooving-plane; or in traversing the wood, which is planing in a direction perpendicular or obliquely to the fibres.

The *SQUARE* (*pl.* LXVIII, *fig.* 11,) consists of two parts, the blade and the stock, fixed together, each at one of their extremities, so as to form a right angle, both internally and externally; the interior angle being called the inner square, and the exterior one the outer square. The *blade* is a thin plate of steel, at a spring temper, of equal thickness in every part, and with the opposite edges in the direction of its length, correctly parallel to each other. The blade is made thin, in order the more readily to observe whether the edge of the square and wood coincide,

The *stock* or *handle*, which contains the mortise, or through which the end of the other piece passes, is made of considerable thickness; not only for containing the tenon of the other piece, but that it should likewise keep steady and flat when used. The inner edge of the stock, which forms one side of the interior square, is generally faced with brass. The thickness of the stock forms, on each side of the blade, a shoulder, which, being pressed against the edge of a piece of stuff, serves to keep the blade, which lies over the adjoining surface, at right angles to its arris, while a line is drawn along its outer edge. The interior square is generally made use of in order to discover whether a piece of stuff is correctly worked. This is done by the placing the sides of the square perpendicular to the piece examined, and, on pressing the brass part of the face of the stock against the edge of a rectangular piece of stuff, if the face of the board and the edge of the square perfectly coincide, the piece may be concluded to be square.

Stock and Bits.—The stock is an instrument for boring, consisting of a double crank, so that one end may rest against the workman's breast, and the other upon the wood intended to be bored. It is accompanied with several *bits* or *cutters*, made of steel, and of different sizes. In most places remote from London these are called *Brace and Bits*.

The Stock (*pl. LXVIII, fig. 1.*) is little more than a crank or hand-drill, made generally of wood, but sometimes of iron; and, at the parts most subject to wear and injure, defended by brass. It is worked as a kind of lever, to be turned round an axis swiftly by the hand, and thus giving to a piece of steel, fixed in the same axis, and sharpened at the extremity, a rotative motion, so as to cut a cylindric hole in the same direction as the axis of the stock. From the termination of the crank or winch part, two short limbs project, both in the same axis, and parallel with that part by which it is revolved. One of these limbs is connected with a broad head, rather convex externally, which is placed against the breast during the process, and is so constructed with joints as to be stationary, while all the other parts are revolving. The lower part of the other limb of the stock is of brass, which is

fixed by means of a screw passing through two ears of the brass part, and through the solid of the wood. This brass part is called the *pod*, and is furnished with a mortise, in the form of a square pyramid, for receiving different pieces of steel, which are secured by means of a spring in the pod, which falls into a notch at the upper end of the inserted steel piece.

Bits are those pieces of steel which are inserted in the pod; they are of various shapes, to suit different purposes, being used for boring and widening holes in wood, and counter-sinking, both in wood and in metals.

The *Gouge-bit*, or *Pin-bit*, is similar in shape to the turner's gouge. It has an interior cavity, like a spoon, at the extremity, for receiving the core separated from the wood by the under edge. The basil is on the inside, and the sides are brought to a cutting edge, like those of a gimblet. The section of this bit is the figure of a crescent. It is used for boring small holes in soft wood, which it does with greater rapidity than any other tool.

The *Centre-bit* is constructed with a small conical point or centre, projecting from the lower end, nearly in the middle, for entering the wood first, and keeping the tooth of the bit in its proper direction, by which a straight hole is bored with greater facility. On one side of the narrow vertical surface of the bit there is a projecting edge which inclines forward; and, on the other side, a tooth with a cutting edge, somewhat more prominent than the cutting edge on the other side of the centre. The horizontal section of this bit upwards is a rectangle. It is used to form a cylindric excavation, by cutting out a core in a spiral-formed shaving. Centre-bits are of various sizes, to suit bores of different diameters.

The *Taper-shell-bit* is used for widening holes, and differs but little from the gouge-bit, except in tapering gradually from the pod to the lower extremity. It is conical within and without, and the cutting edge is the meeting of the exterior and interior conic surfaces. Its horizontal section is a crescent.

The *Countersink* is used for widening the upper part of an excavation for receiving the head of a screw. It has a conical head, and when used for wood

has a single cutter, the edge of which stands out a little from the side of the cone, so as to be more remote from the axis of the cone than from any other part of the surface. For boring holes in brass, the countersink is furnished with ten or a dozen teeth on the surface, running slantwise from the base up the sides of the cone, so that the horizontal section represents a circular saw. The countersink is sometimes made use of for wood, especially when it is hard; as its teeth act like those of a file, and consequently are less liable to tear the surface of the wood than the shell bit, which has a cutting edge.

The STRAIGHT EDGE is a piece of stuff or board, made perfectly straight on the edge, and used to plane the face of a board straight by, or to make other edges straight. Straight edges should be made of the best seasoned stuff, and it is customary to make two at the same time, after the following method: Take two pieces of stuff, of equal thicknesses, with the sides true; and, having placed them side by side, fasten them in the cheeks of the bench-screw, and plane the upper edges straight by means of a straight edge; or, if this cannot be readily obtained, as nearly true as can be determined by the eye. The two pieces are then taken out of the screw, and placed with the edges one upon the other; and, if the surfaces coincide so exactly as not to permit any light to pass between, the straight edges are finished; but if there is any roundness or hollow in them, they must again be shot: and this operation must be repeated as often as found necessary, that is to say, till the faces of the boards are in a straight line with each other.

WINDING STICKS are always used in pairs, and are two pieces of wood, of equal breadth, used for the purpose of determining whether a surface be straight or not. Winding sticks differ from *straight edges* in this, that straight edges are seldom finished on more than one edge, whereas if both edges were made so correctly rectangular, that they were of the same breadth throughout their whole length, they would answer the end, and in fact be winding sticks, which are used in the following manner: The edges of a pair of winding sticks are applied, one at one end of the surface to be examined, and the other at the other end; from the uppermost edge of the nearer one, the eye

is then directed to that perpendicular side of the farther one which faces the observer, and if straight lines can be directed from it to all the other points in the upper edge of each winding stick, the ends of the surface examined are already in the same plane. But, if the nearer winding stick will not permit the eye to be directed in a straight line to any one point in both winding sticks, the surface is said to *wind*, and the part found to be too high must be reduced. The winding sticks, for greater certainty, should be placed in various situations, but particularly across the corners, so that the eye may examine them diagonally.

CHAPTER V.

REMARKS ON, AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOOSING, THE DIFFERENT SORTS OF TIMBER; THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF TIMBER, AND MODES OF ASCERTAINING IT; THE SCARFING AND COMBINATION OF BEAMS; THE FORMATION OF THE CENTRING OF ARCHES, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TIMBER-BRIDGES, &c.

I. —QUALITIES OF TIMBER.

OAK.—In our general description of the properties of timber we shall begin with the OAK, a tree which, from its strength, hardness, and durability, has obtained the pre-eminent distinction of 'KING OF THE FOREST,' and is common to almost all the countries of the earth.

On selecting a piece of oak, which shall have the greatest strength, or durability, it is often found to be a criterion of its excellence that it has grown on a soil which reared it slowly; as, in this case, it acquires from time a greater consistence of strength than it would acquire were it reared on soil of such a quality as to bring it hastily to maturity. This, however, is not always the case: because, from particular exposures, a tree of oak may acquire a strength and hardness sufficient to undergo the greatest pression, although it has sprung from a mere acorn to a tree of "loftiest grandeur" in a very few years.

This is not mere conjecture; for we know, from certainty, that the oaks on the estate of Roxburgh, in Scotland, for stature, for strength, and resisting quality, are not excelled by the oak of any other growth in Britain, and a very

few years are requisite for bringing it to full maturity; but, even on this estate, there is a very great difference in the quality of the oak: that which has northern exposure is found to be more strong and hardy than that which inclines to the sun at noon-day.

Another criterion is, to select that which, on being soaked in water, shall have its specific gravity the least changed. This is evident, because the closeness of the fibres being sufficient to prevent the entrance of the fluid must likewise, in this situation, indicate the strength of the wood. This observation is not confined to oak, but may be generally applied to timber of every description.

In selecting trees for felling, we must be particular in examining the state of health of those trees to which the axe is to be applied; for, if decay has taken place, we are sure that the timber is not so proper for our purpose as it would otherwise be. When the top of the tree is in a state of decay, it clearly bespeaks a decay in the tree itself; and, if a branch be decayed, or a stump rotten, it indicates a defect in that part of the tree to which it is attached.

Another circumstance to be particularly attended to, is, the time of cutting; the purposes of building requiring the greatest perfection of strength and texture, it is found necessary to cut down the tree in winter, when it is freest from sap; as, in this case, it is more readily seasoned and rendered fit for use.

It, however, seldom happens that oak is cut down in winter; its bark being so valuable and useful in the tanning of leather, that it is found to be more profitable to the owner to reserve the tree till spring, when the sap has, in ascending from the root, loosened the bark from the wood, so that it may be easily stripped off; which it would not be were it cut down in winter.

The difference of seasons sometimes occasions a difference in the time of felling the wood, even for this purpose; but what ought to be particularly attended to, is, the state of the leaf. After the leaf begins to appear is a very proper time; for then the sap has expanded all round and over the tree, so that the bark is easily removed; if delayed till the leaf be fully expanded, the bark loses considerably in its value.

In the progress of decay, it has been observed that, the outer coat, being exposed to the action of the atmosphere, is first destroyed; then the second coat, and so on, gradually approaching the centre or heart of the tree: but we must understand this only of those trees which have been cut before they had reached their prime; as those that from age suffer decay have their central part first destroyed, and the outer shell will even stand many years after the inner parts have been entirely wasted.

A skilful builder will, therefore, if the tree be old and large, be very particular in examining the central parts; especially that which lies next the root, as there the wasting will first begin.

For seasoning oak, the best method is to immerse it in water; this, in logs, should be done for more than twelve months; but, if cut into planks, so much time is not necessary. In either case, to soak and dry alternately is to be preferred. The seasoning of planks can thus be always effected without much trouble; but, with respect to logs, on account of the vast labour required, one soaking and again drying gradually in the shade is generally practised.

After having soaked the *planks* in water, the usual mode of drying them is by placing a strong beam horizontally, so high as to admit one end of the plank to rest upon it, while the other meets the ground in an inclined position; observing to place the planks edgewise, and alternately on one side of the pole and the other, thus leaving a space between them for the air to pass freely.

BEECH.—Having said thus much in regard to oak, we shall now apply our observations to BEECH, a wood which, from its hardness, closeness, and strength, especially when exposed to particular strains, holds a prominent place among the trees of the forest.

Of Beech there are three kinds; a black, a brown, and a white. The brown is very common in Britain, and is most generally found in hedge-rows, or in the demesne lands about gentlemen's seats; being, when in full foliage, remarkable for its close shade and cooling qualities.

About Mount Stuart, in the Isle of Bute, some of the trees in the avenues are immensely large, and appear to be in a thriving healthy condition; it is,

therefore, probable that the soil necessary for rearing this wood ought not to be of the richest and heaviest kind; for here, where it is found in the greatest perfection that we remember to have seen it in any place, during a tour of the kingdom, the soil is not remarkable for either of these qualities.

With respect to the nature of the other kinds we cannot say much, not having had an opportunity of examining them.

This wood is not well adapted for beams, because very little dampness soon brings on the rot; its principal use is for furniture, or for those purposes that require it to be continually under water.

ASH is a species of wood very common in Britain, and for the purposes of the farmer there is perhaps none more valuable; oak itself not excepted. Carts, ploughs, harrows, and indeed almost all the implements of husbandry, are made of this wood. Like the oak, it requires particular exposures to render it the fittest for use, where great strains have to be overcome. A clayey soil has been found to answer very well for its propagation. On the lands of Limlaws, the property of Robert Ker, Esq. of Chatta, in Roxburghshire, there is a plantation of this wood, overhanging the precipitous banks of the Tiviot, and having a northern exposure: the trees in this plantation are immensely tall, straight, and tapering upwards, like a larch; the soil is clayey, and the wood is of the best quality imaginable, producing, at times, from $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 2d. per foot more to the proprietor than the same wood of any other growth in the north.

On the demesne of Rokeby, near Greta Bridge, in Yorkshire, are trees of ash, very large and goodly to appearance, but we have not been able to ascertain any thing respecting the nature and particular qualities of the wood.

On the estate of Marchmont, in Berwickshire, are ash trees of very great size, which sufficiently prove that this wood is of a towering nature, although on account of the many uses to which it is applied, it seldom arrives at maturity. The proper time to cut down ash is in winter, when the sap is lodged in the root.

The quality is nearly the same through the whole thickness of the tree, but the outside is rather the toughest. It soon rots when exposed to the weather,

but will last very long if properly taken care of. It is of a spongy consistence; and that of which the fibres are long and straight is always considered the best.

ELM is another tough and strong species of wood; it is, also, very useful for the husbandman, many implements being made of it; and, indeed, it is often preferred, for particular purposes, to ash itself. This is a very common wood, and is mostly found in hedge-rows, or around the skirts of plantations. On the demesne lands of Springwood Park, in the neighbourhood of Kelso, trees of this kind are very large, high, and branching, and contain a very great quantity of valuable substance. This circumstance authorises us to conclude, that a rich and loamy soil is the best for its production; as, in this particular place, the land is of such a quality, and also extremely fertile, the elms reared on it may be compared with any in the kingdom.

FIR.—The next species to which our attention shall be directed is FIR, than which there is no kind of timber more useful, or applied to so many purposes. This, however, arises, not from its superior strength or durability, but from its cheapness, and yielding easily to the tools of the workman. It is common in almost all northern countries, and is brought, in great quantities, from Norway, Russia, Sweden, and North-America.

The fir which is mostly used in carpentry is distinguished by the name of *Memel Fir*, and includes that of Dantzic and Riga. *Norway Fir* is much used for smaller timbers, and answers extremely well when exposed to the air, or when kept under ground. The fir from North-America is softer than any just mentioned; it is likewise freer from knots, and, of course, suitable for the finer parts of joinery, such as panels and mouldings. What is termed in England *white deal*, and in Scotland *pine wood*, is very durable when kept dry, and for that reason is much used by cabinet-makers; but, as it does not stand the weather, it is but little used in carpentry or joinery.

In former times the Highlands of Scotland abounded in forests of fir-trees, as appears from the great number of stumps and roots still existing in the bogs and morasses. Above Lochiel House, in Invernesshire, along the whole

extent of Loch Aghrigh, or Arkeig, is a forest of fir, in which many of the trees are yet in a high state of health, and of a great size: this wood is very strong, and so full of rosin, that many of the inhabitants use it in lieu of candles, it giving such a brilliant light as to render the use of tallow unnecessary.

BIRCH is also a very common wood, and in the North of Scotland the dwarf kind grows spontaneously, in great abundance. The quality of birch is nearly the same quite across the tree; it is very tough, but cannot stand the weather, and worms are very hurtful to it. Birch is often used in works which lie under water.

POPLAR is a tree that thrives well on wet ground, and is very often found on wet spots about the seats of gentlemen. In beams it is liable to the same objections as beech, but it is well adapted for floors and stairs; it rots when exposed to the weather.

The poplar and the asp resemble each other; the latter is tough and soft, lasts when exposed to the weather, and is equally good through the body of the tree.

SYCAMORE and LIME.—In roofing and flooring the SYCAMORE and LIME are subject to the same objections as the beech and poplar. The lime is, however, suitable for furniture; being, like the ash, smooth and greasy when wrought.

WALNUT and CHESNUT.—We have also the WALNUT-TREE and the CHESNUT; the former of which has become too valuable, in Britain, to be used in the common purposes of framing roofs or floors; and mahogany has superseded its use in furniture.

There are different kinds of Chesnut. The Spanish or Sweet Chesnut is frequently found in old buildings in England; it is very like oak, and is often confounded with it; but, notwithstanding, it differs from it in this, that, when a nail or bolt has been driven into oak before it was dry, a black substance appears round the iron, which in chesnut is not the case.

MAHOGANY is chiefly used in furniture, and sometimes also in doors and window-sashes; it is sawn out and seasoned by being kept in the open air

in winter: it is extremely valuable, and grows in Jamaica. There is another kind, from Yucatan, called *Honduras mahogany*, but that of Jamaica is much the most beautiful and durable. The pores of the Honduras appear quite black; those of the Jamaica as if filled with chalk.

GENERAL CAUTIONS AND REMARKS RESPECTING TIMBER.

LAY your timber up, when perfectly dry, in an airy place, that it may not be exposed to the sun and wind, and taking care that it do not stand upright, but let it be laid along, one piece upon another; interposing, here and there, some short blocks, to prevent that mouldiness which is usually contracted when the planks sweat.

Some persons, however, keep their timber as moist as they can by submerging it in water, with a view to prevent it from cleaving. This is good in fir, and also in some other timbers, both for the better stripping and seasoning. Lay your planks in a stream of running water for a fortnight, and then set them up in the sun and wind, so that the air may freely pass between them, and turn them frequently. Boards thus seasoned will floor much better than those which have been kept many years in a dry place.

But, to prevent all possible accidents, when you lay your floors, let the joints be fitted and tacked down only for the first year, nailing them close down the next; and, by this method, they will lie without shrinking in the least.

Amongst wheelwrights, the water-seasoning is of special regard, and of such esteem amongst some, that the Venetians lay their oak some years in water before they employ it.

Elm felled ever so green, if kept four or five days in water, obtains a good seasoning, and is rendered fit for immediate use. This water-seasoning is not only a remedy against the worm, but it also prevents distortions and warping. Some persons recommend burying in the earth, and others will

have their timbers covered-in to heat; and we likewise see that scorching and hardening in the fire renders piles durable, especially those which are to stand in earth or water.

Green timber is sometimes used by those who carve and turn; but this for doors, windows, floors, and other close works, is altogether to be rejected; especially if walnut be the material, which will be sure to shrink. It is, therefore, best to choose such as has had two or three years' seasoning, and which is neither too dry nor moist.

Where huge massy columns are to be used, it is a good plan to bore them right through, from end to end, as it prevents their splitting.

Timbers occasionally laid in mortar, or in any part contiguous to lime, as doors, window-cases, ground-sils, and the extremities of beams, &c., have sometimes been capped with melted pitch, as a preserver from the destructive effects of the lime; but it has been found to be rather hurtful than otherwise.

For all uses, that timber is the best which is the most ponderous and free from knots. As to the place of growth, that is generally esteemed the best which grows most in the sun; but, as we have already hinted, this is not always the case. The climate, however, contributes much to its quality, and a northern situation is preferable to all others.

II.—ON THE STRENGTH OF TIMBER.

THE strength of materials used in mechanical constructions is exerted in five different ways; that is to say, in resisting a direct pull, in compression, in a transverse strain, in torsion, or a twisted state, and in percussion.

The strength which *resists extension* is the result of cohesion, as opposed to another force, called *repulsion*. To conceive this, we must imagine that each particle of a body is at some distance from the rest, and if they be forced to approach within this limit, repulsion is exerted. If cohesion opposes the extension, both act according to the same law, being as the extension or compression, while the forces exerted are not

great. They differ, however, in this, that there is a certain limit beyond which cohesion does not act; and if it be exceeded, a total separation takes place, while there seems to be no limit to the compressibility of matter.

Cohesive strength, in prismatic bodies, is proportional to the transverse section, or area of either end, and is measured by the weight required to tear them asunder. In those substances, however, which possess ductility, the surface of fracture is not the true surface whose cohesion is overcome by the weight; they stretch considerably on the first application, and their diameter is gradually contracted until they yield. The force, therefore, required to tear them asunder suddenly, is much greater than what they can bear for a length of time; even iron, which suspends twenty-seven tons for every inch of its section, cannot be trusted in any structure with more than fifteen tons: hard steel, that cannot be stretched, is far stronger; bearing nearly eighty tons.

Experiments on timber are much more irregular than those on metals, from the irregularity of its fibres; there is also a considerable variety of specimens from the same tree. Oak bears about four tons per inch, and fir two and a half. Where a rod, used to suspend a body, is of considerable length, its weight must be added to the load, and therefore the section should be continually less downwards.

The strength of bodies to resist compression is much more difficult of investigation, and the greatest analysts have been mistaken in their results. There is no relation between cohesive and repulsive forces. Fir, which suspends little more than half as much as oak, will carry twice as much; and it is said that cast iron resists compression with a force six times greater than its cohesion. In a rectangular beam, if the compressive force be not applied in the direction of the axis, it will bend the beam; for the repulsive forces, acting against it on each side of a line, drawn through the point of application, must be equal; but the number of particles between it and the surface nearest to it, is less than that of the rest of the section; and if they were equally impressed throughout, their action could not be equal to that of the

others; they must, therefore, be more compressed, which augments their repulsion, and compensates for inferiority of number. The column, therefore, must bend, as one of the surfaces becomes shorter than the other, and there is a longitudinal section, which is neither compressed nor extended, which has obtained the appellation of *Neutral Section*.

Between this section and the remote surface a portion of the beam is in a state of extension. It is obvious that a similar flexure would be produced by a force applied obliquely to the axis, or by a transverse strain, even when it acts directly, and that the strength is much increased if it be prevented from bending by lateral braces applied at its middle.

A piece of timber projecting from a wall, in which it is fixed, may be strained or broken by a weight suspended from the extremity, as in *fig. 1, plate LXX*, or by a load uniformly distributed over it, as in the cantalivers of a roof.

Figure 2 exhibits a piece of timber in the act of breaking; the bar being supposed to move round the point A; the fibres above, from A to CD, are supposed not to be broken, they are therefore in a state of tension, and the fibres below the point A, from A to B, are in a state of compression: both these forces equally counteract the efforts of the weight W; the force of extension being equal to that of compression.

Figure 3 exhibits the manner in which a beam, supported at both its extremities, may be broken by the application of a force in the middle, or between its ends, as in case of joists, binding beams, and girders, which have not only to sustain their own weight, but more commonly any accidental weights with which they may be loaded.

This manner of exposing timber to fracture is the same as that represented at *fig. 4*, where the weights are substituted for the props and made to pull upwards, each weight being equal to half the weight suspended in the middle.

Figure 5 represents a joist supported by two walls. We must here observe, that joists ought never to be firmly fixed in walls when they are inserted only nine or ten inches, as in common cases; for they would endanger the wall by causing it to bend or fracture, particularly when the wall is thin: however,

when it is of sufficient thickness, and timber inserted the whole thickness, as in *fig. 6*, the effort to bend or fracture the wall will not take place, and the timber, thus fixed, will be exceedingly stiff, the strength being increased.

A joist, as in *fig. 6*, reaching over two areas of equal breadth, is much stronger than a joist of the same scantling, reaching over one area of the same breadth.

Figure 7 exhibits another way in which timber may be broken, by being crushed, as in the case of columns, strong posts, principal rafters, &c.

In *figure 8*, which represents a pair of rafters, supported on two opposite walls, a weight, *W*, suspended from the vertical angle *A*, compresses the rafters *AB*, *AC*, in the direction of their lengths.

Figure 9 shows the efforts of two equal weights to break the rafters; but this is prevented by two struts, branching from the king-post to a point in the rafter under the place where the force is applied. The effect of the weight is, therefore, to crush both rafters and struts. For a force applied upon the back of a rafter presses in the direction of the struts, which again press on the lower end of the king-post, and the king-post presses on the tops of the rafters, the lower ends of which press the extremities of the tie-beam, which is therefore brought into a state of tension. The rafters are in a state of compression, and the king-post in a state of tension, while the struts are in a state of compression.

With regard to *cohesion*, the strength is as the number of ligneous fibres, and therefore as the area of fracture; but, in transverse strains, the case is very different, where, instead of a direct application of the force in the line of the fibres, it is able only to act upon them alternately, in the direction of the fibres, by means of levers.

GALILEO, to whom the physical sciences are so much indebted, was the first who undertook to investigate the subject upon pure mathematical principles. He considered solid bodies as being made up of numerous small fibres, applied parallel to each other: he assumed the force which resisted the action of power to separate them, to be directly as the area of a section perpendicular to the length; that is, as the number of fibres of which the

body is composed: he likewise assumed the non-extension and compression of bodies, and therefore the whole resistance to fracture of a rectangular beam, turning a line in one of its sides perpendicular to the two edges, was the same as if the whole resistance had been comprised in the centre of gravity.

Now, in a rectangular beam; the centre of gravity is distant from the axis half the depth of the beam. Therefore, let b be the breadth, and d the depth, of the beam; then the distance of the centre of gravity will be $\frac{1}{2}d$, and the effort to resist fracture will be $bd \times \frac{1}{2}d = \frac{bd^2}{2}$.

Therefore, when a beam is solidly fixed in a wall, if l be the length, w the weight that will break it:

$$\text{Then } w : bd :: \frac{1}{2}d : l. \text{ Whence } w = \frac{bd^2}{2l}.$$

From other investigations, which we shall not attempt to show here, the author endeavours to prove that, whatever weight is required to break a beam fixed at one end, double that weight is necessary to break a beam of equal breadth and depth, with twice the length, when supported at both ends.

But *Marriotte*, a Member of the French Academy, having discovered the inaccuracy of Galileo's theory, proposed to substitute another in its place. This attracted the attention of the philosopher *Leibnitz*, who concluded that every fibre, instead of acting with an equal force, exerted a power of resistance proportional to the distance of extension, but he still considered the fibres to be incompressible, or that the beam turned on the point where the fulcrum was applied. The only alteration introduced by this new hypothesis was the removal of the centre of energy.

The complete investigation of the resistance of materials, according to the direction and situation of the forces applied, would require a volume. The reader who wishes for full information on this subject, cannot do better than consult Mr. Barlow's valuable "Essay on the Strength and Stress of Timber."

Let, as before, l denote the length, b the breadth, and d the depth, of a rectangular beam, all in inches; W the weight with which it is loaded in the

middle (being supported at both ends), δ the deflection, and E the measure of the elasticity, then it will be found that

$$\frac{W l^3}{\delta b d^3} = E, \text{ is a constant quantity for the same timber;}$$

or, which is the same thing,

$$\frac{W l^3}{E b d^3} = \delta.$$

This formula is equally applicable to beams fixed at one end and loaded at the other, and those which are supported at both ends and loaded in the middle, only the value of E , in the one case, will be to that in the other, as 32 to 1.

The theorem for ascertaining the ultimate deflection of beams, before absolute rupture, is

$$\frac{l^2}{a\Delta} = U.$$

If the resistance of a rod, an inch square, be S , then $b d^2 S$ will be the resistance of a beam of the same length, whose breadth is b , and depth d ; also, if the angle of deflection be Δ , and the breaking weight W , then, when the beam is fixed at one end, and loaded at the other,

$$l W \cos. \Delta = b d^2 S, \text{ or } \frac{l W \cos. \Delta}{b d^2} = S, \text{ a constant quantity.}$$

When the beam is supported at both ends and loaded in the middle,

$$\frac{1}{4} l W \sec.^2 \Delta = b d^2 S, \text{ or } \frac{l W \sec.^2 \Delta}{4 b d^2} = S, \text{ constant.}$$

When the beam is fixed at each end and loaded in the middle,

$$\frac{1}{6} l W \sec.^2 \Delta = b d^2 S, \text{ or } \frac{l W \sec.^2 \Delta}{b d^2} = S, \text{ constant.}$$

When the beam, in either of these last cases, is loaded at any other point than the middle: we shall have, in the first case, (denoting the unequal lengths by m and n)

$$\frac{m n W \sec.^2 \Delta}{l} = b d^2 S, \text{ or } S = \frac{m n W \sec.^2 \Delta}{b d^2 l};$$

and, in the second case,

$$\frac{2 m n W \sec.^2 \Delta}{3 l} = b d^2 S, \text{ or } S = \frac{2 m n W \sec.^2 \Delta}{3 b d^2 l},$$

still the same constant quantity.

The first formula will also apply to a beam fixed at any given angle of inclination; observing only that the angle Δ , in this case, will represent the angle of the beam's inclination, increased or diminished by the angle of

deflection, according as its first position is ascending or descending; or, rather, it will denote the angle of the beam's inclination at the moment of fracture.

For all cases, when it is only intended to apply the results to timbers used in architectural and other purposes, the angle of deflection may be omitted, and the equations will become simply

$$\frac{IW}{bd^2} = S, \frac{IW}{4bd^2} = S, \frac{IW}{6bd^2} = S, \frac{mnW}{lbd^2} = S, \frac{2mnW}{3lbd^2} = S.$$

The absolute cohesion on a square inch is

$$C = \frac{S' d^2}{(d - D)^2}$$

where D is the depth of the neutral axis, or the line which separates the compressed from the stretched part of the timber.

The subjoined table of data, for different kinds of wood, results from the union of the preceding formulæ, with experiment.

Name of the kind of Wood.	Specific Gravity of each kind.	Value of U from the formula $U = \frac{l^3}{d\Delta}$	Value of E from the formula $E = \frac{l^3 W'}{bd^3 \delta}$	Value of S from the formula $S' = \frac{IW}{4bd^2}$	Value of S from the formula $S = \frac{IW \sec^2 \Delta}{4bd^2}$	Value of C from the formula $C = \frac{S' d^2}{(d - D)^2}$
Teak	745	818	9657802	2462	2488	15550
Poon	579	596	6759200	2221	2266	14787
English Oak	934	435	5806200	1672	1736	10853
Canadian Oak	872	588	8595864	1766	1803	11428
Dantzic Oak	756	724	4765750	1457	1477	7386
Adriatic Oak	993	610	3885700	1383	1409	8808
Ash	760	395	6580750	2026	2124	17337
Beech	696	615	5417266	1556	1586	9912
Elm	553	509	2799347	1013	1042	5767
Pitch-Pine	660	588	4900466	1632	1666	10415
Red-Pine	657	605	7359700	1341	1368	10000
New-England Fir	553	757	5967400	1102	1116	9947
Riga Fir	753	588	5314570	1108	1131	10707
Ditto, second specimen ..	738	---	3962800	1051	1081	-----
Mar Forest Fir	696	588	2581400	1144	1168	9539
Ditto, second specimen ..	693	403	3478328	1262	1310	10691
Larch	531	411	2465433	853	890	-----
Ditto, second specimen ..	522	518	3591133	832	850	-----
Ditto, third specimen	556	518	4210830	1127	1149	7655
Ditto, fourth specimen	560	518	4210830	1149	1172	7352
Norway Spar	577	648	5832000	1474	1492	12180

PROBLEMS.

PROBLEM 1.

To find the strength of direct cohesion, of a piece of timber, of any given dimensions.

RULE.—Multiply the area of the transverse section, in inches, by the value of C in the preceding table of data, and the product will be the strength required.

Note.—If the specific gravity be not the same as the mean tabular specific gravity, say, as the latter is to the former, so is the above product to the correct result.

EXAMPLES.

Example 1.—What weight will it require to tear asunder a piece of teak three inches square, the specific gravity being 745?

Here 15550 is the tabular value of C.

9 the area of the section.

139.950 lbs. the weight sought.

Example 2.—What weight will break a cylinder of ash two inches in diameter, the specific gravity being 700?

.7854

4

3.1416 area of section.

17337 tabular value of C.

219912

94248

94248

219912

31416

54465.9192 the weight in lbs. very nearly.

760 : 700 :: 54466 : 50166 lbs.

700

760) 38126200 (50166

3800

1262

760

5020

4560

4600

4560

40

PROBLEM 2.

To compute the deflection of beams fixed at one end, and loaded at the other, with any given weight.

RULE.—Divide the continued product of the cube of the length in inches, the given weight in lbs., and the number 32 by the continued product of the tabular value of E, the breadth and cube of the depth in inches, and the quotient will be the deflexion required.

Note 1.—The same rule will apply if the beam is uniformly loaded, by employing the constant number 12 instead of 32.

Note 2.—If the specific gravity of the given pieces do not agree with the tabular specific gravity, we must operate as taught in the note to problem 1.

EXAMPLES.

Example 1.—An ash batten, three inches square, is fixed in a wall, and projects from it four feet. If a weight of 200lbs. be hung on its extremity, how much will it be deflected?

6580750 tab. value of E.

$$81 = 3^3 \times 3.$$

6580750
52646000

533040750 first product.

Again, 4 feet = 48 inches.

$$48 \times 48 \times 48 = 110592.$$

Therefore 110592

200

22118400

32

44236800

66355200

533040750) 707788800 (1.3, or $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches, nearly.

533040750

1747480500

1599122250

Example 2.—What would the same beam be deflected if supported by a prop at half its length?

Note.—We know that the deflections of beams of the same scantling are as the cubes of the lengths; therefore, since the prop reduces the beam to half its length, we have

$$4^3 : 2^3 :: 1\frac{1}{8} : \frac{1}{8} \text{ of an inch, the answer.}$$

$$\text{That is, } 4^3 = 64$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

$$\text{Therefore } 8 \times 1\frac{1}{8} \div 64 = \frac{1}{8}.$$

Example 3.—A batten of New-England fir, six feet long, four inches deep, and two and a half inches in breadth, is fixed at one end, and loaded uniformly throughout its length with 200 lbs.; how much will its extremity be deflected?

Tabular value of E=	5967400
$bd^2=$	160
	<hr/>
	358044000
	5967400
	<hr/>
	954784000
	<hr/>

Again, 6 feet = 72 inches.

$72^3 =$	373248
	200
	<hr/>
	74649600
	12
	<hr/>

954784000)	8957952000	(.9 inch, or 1 inch, nearly.
	8593056000	
	<hr/>	
	364896000	
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PROBLEM 3.

To compute the deflection of beams supported at each end, and loaded in the middle, with any given weight.

RULE.—Divide the product of the cube of the length in inches, and the weight in lbs., by the continued product of the three numbers, viz., the

tabular value of E, the breadth and cube of the depth, both in inches, and the quotient is the deflection sought.

EXAMPLES.

Example 1.—A square beam of English oak, whose side is six inches, is supported on two walls twenty feet distant, and is loaded on the middle with 1000 lbs.; how much will it be deflected?

5806200 tabular value of E.

Again, 20 feet = 240 inches.

$$1296 = bd^3.$$

34837200

240

240

52255800

57600

69674400

240

7524835200

2304000

115200

13824000

1000

7524835200) 13824000000 (1.8

7524835200

62991648000

60198681600

2792966400

Example 2.—A beam of red pine, eight inches in breadth, and one foot deep, is supported on two walls, distant thirty-three feet four inches; how much will it be deflected with 2000 lbs. suspended at its centre?

7359700 tabular value of E.

$$13824 = 12^3 \times 8$$

29438800

14719400

58877600

22079100

7359700

101740492800

Again, 33 ft. 4 in. = 400 inches,
and $400^3 = 64000000$

2000

128000000000

Let, now, a number of these cyphers be rejected, and an equal number of places from the divisor, and we shall have—

10174) 12800 (1.25 inches, nearly.
10174

26260

20348

59120

50870

PROBLEM 4.

To compute the deflection of beams supported at each end, and loaded uniformly throughout their length with a given weight.

RULE.—Compute the deflection as before, and five-eighths of the result will be the answer.

EXAMPLES.

Example 1.—A uniform bar of Adriatic oak, two inches square, is rested upon two pillars, distant twenty-four feet; how much will it be deflected by its own weight, its specific gravity being 960, or 60 lbs. to a cubic foot?

Tabular value of E is 3885700

$$16 = 2 \times 2^3$$

23314200

3885700

62171200

The above data give 40 lbs. for the weight of the bar, and

24 feet = 288 inches.

$$288^3 = 23887872$$

40

621712) 9555148,80 (15.36

621712

5

3338028 8) 76.80

3108560

9.6 inches, nearly.

2294688

1865136

4295520

3730272

Example 2.—A beam of Riga fir, twelve inches square, is to support the brick-work over a gateway, twelve feet wide; the computed weight of the brick-work is 30,000 lbs.; what deflection may be expected?

4638685 mean tabular value.

$$20736 = 12 \times 12^3.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 27832110 \\ 13916055 \\ 32470795 \\ 92773700 \\ \hline 96187772160 \end{array}$$

Again, $12 = 144$.

$$144^3 = 2985984$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 30000 \\ 9618 \overline{) 8957,9520000} (.93 \\ \underline{86562} 5 \\ \underline{30175} 8 \overline{) 465} \\ \underline{28854} .58 \text{ in. nearly.} \\ \underline{1321} \end{array}$$

Note.—When the beam is fixed at each end, the deflection will be two-thirds of that found by rule.

PROBLEM 5.

To compute the ultimate deflection of beams before rupture.

RULE.—Multiply the value of U, found in the table of data, by the depth of the beam in inches, and divide the square of the length, also in inches, by that product, for the ultimate deflection sought.

EXAMPLES.

Example 1.—A square inch rod of ash, six feet long, is broken by a weight applied to its centre; how much is it deflected before rupture?

395 tabular value of U.

$$6 \text{ feet} = 72.$$

$$72^2 = 5184.$$

395) 5184 (13.1 inches, nearly.

$$\begin{array}{r} 395 \\ \hline 1234 \\ 1185 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 490 \\ 395 \\ \hline 95 \end{array}$$

Example 2.—What will be the ultimate deflection of a similar rod, twelve feet long ?

Here 12 feet = 144 inches.

$$144^2 = 72^2 \times 4 = 20736.$$

$$395) 20736 \text{ (52.4)}$$

$$\frac{1975}{12} = 4.36 \text{ feet, nearly.} \text{---Ans.}$$

986

790

1960

Example 3.—A half-inch plank of larch, similar to our third specimen, being ten feet in length ; how many inches will the centre descend before it fractures ?

518 tabular value of U.

.5 depth.

259.0

10 feet = 120.

$$120^2 = 14400.$$

$$259) 14400 \text{ (55.5 inches, nearly.}$$

1295

1450

1295

1550

1295

255

Note 1.—The same rule applies to beams or rods fixed at both ends.

Note 2.—According to this rule, our deflection may exceed half the length of the piece. When this takes place, it shows that the ends may be brought together, with a fracture taking place in the beam.

Note 3.—When a piece is fixed at one end only, the deflection will be eight times what is given by the rule.

PROBLEM 6.

To find the ultimate transverse strength of any rectangular beam of timber, fixed at one end, and loaded at the other.

RULE.—Compute the ultimate deflection by Note 3, last Problem; divide this deflection by the length, which will give the sine of the angle of deflection; whence, by a table, find its secant.

Multiply this secant by the breadth and square of the depth in inches, and the product again by the value of S' , in the table of data.

Divide this last product by the length in inches, and the quotient will be the answer in lbs.

EXAMPLES.

Example 1.—What weight will it require to break a piece of fir from the forest of Mar, fixed by one end in a wall, and loaded at the other; the breadth being two inches, depth three inches, and length four feet?

The third Note to the last Problem gives the ultimate deflection, fifteen inches.

Therefore, $\frac{15}{48} = .3125 = \text{sine } 18^\circ 13'.$

The secant of which is....1.0527

$$18 = 2 \times 3^2$$

84216

10527

189486

Value of S' in tab. = 1310

1894860

568458

189486

48) 24822,6660 (517 lbs.—*Ans.*

240

82

48

342

336

Example 2.—A square oaken plank of twelve inches the side, projecting eight feet four inches from a solid wall, in which it is fixed; what weight will be required to break it?

The deflection before fracture is 15.325 inches, therefore

$$\frac{15.325}{100} = .15325 = \sin 8^{\circ} 49', \text{ the secant of which is } 1.0119;$$

$$\frac{1.0119 \times 12^3 \times 1736}{100} = 30345 \text{ lbs. nearly.}$$

Note.—When the beam is loaded uniformly throughout its length, the last result must be doubled.

PROBLEM 7.

To compute the ultimate transverse strength of any rectangular beam, when supported at both ends, and loaded in the middle.

RULE.—Multiply the tabular value of S' by four times the breadth and square of the depth in inches, and divide that product by the length, also in inches, for the weight.

EXAMPLES.

What weight will be necessary to break a piece of larch, similar to our third specimen, the length being eight feet four inches, the breadth eight, and depth ten inches, being supported at each end, and loaded in the middle?

Here, tabular value of S' is 1262

$$\begin{array}{r} 3200 = 4 \times 8 \times 10^2 \\ \hline 252400 \\ 3786 \\ \hline 8 \text{ ft. } 4 \text{ in.} = 100) 40384,00 \\ \hline 40384 \text{ lbs.} \text{---Ans.} \end{array}$$

Note 1.—If the beam be loaded uniformly throughout its length, the result must be doubled.

Note 2.—If the beam be fixed at each end, and loaded in the middle, then the result obtained by the rule must be increased by its half.

Note 3.—If the beam be fixed at both ends, and loaded uniformly throughout its length, the same result must be multiplied by three.

III.—ON SCARFING AND LENGTHENING BEAMS.

WHEN timber cannot be procured of sufficient length to answer a required purpose, it becomes necessary to join two or more pieces together, in order to obtain the extent required, and the mode of uniting the pieces is called *Scarfing*.

SCARFING is, therefore, the art of connecting two pieces of timber together, in such manner as to appear like one piece, and possess sufficient strength to answer the purpose which renders this connection necessary.

In scarfing timber it is not requisite to pay particular attention to the form of the joint, as that can be altered at pleasure, to meet the views of the mechanic.

In each piece of timber to be joined, the parts of the joint that come in contact are called *scarfs*.

Scarfs are formed either by a slanting joint, or by notching the two parts together; and, sometimes, by a third short piece, which has a mutual connection with the two.

The projecting parts on each piece are called *tables*.

When the tables are brought in contact, they are firmly secured in that position by bolts passing through the joints.

Some of the most useful methods of scarfing beams will be understood by a reference to the *plate LXXI*.

Figure 1, on this plate, shows the method of lengthening beams, without shortening the pieces, by applying an intermediate piece, and connecting the three by means of *steps*.

Figure 2 represents a method of joining beams by steps. This method, as well as all that follow, shortens the beam by the entire length of the scarf.

Figure 3 is a method of building beams in halves, and locking the two ends that meet each other, by means of a tabulated clamp, indented into the end of each piece.

Figure 4 exhibits a method of extending beams by means of indentations, the two parts being locked together by a key or wedge, driven into a mortise left in the middle between the abutting parts of each piece. No. 2 is a perspective view of the scarf and tables, on one of the pieces.

Figure 5 exhibits the junction of two pieces of timber by means of an oblique scarf, which is shown distinctly, at No. 2, by a perspective delineation.

The whole of these scarfings should be firmly bolted together, with bolts passing alternately from one side to the other; and, when tabulated, the bolts should be put in the middle of the tables.

IV.—CENTRINGS, OR CENTERINGS FOR BRIDGES.

IN carpentry, a centre means a combination of timber-beams, so disposed as to form a frame, the convex side of which, when boarded over, corresponds to the intended concavity of an arch.

Having carried the piers or abutments to the height designed for the arch to spring, the next object is to set up the centre, the proper construction and erection of which may well be considered as the most masterly operation in the building of arches.

In constructing the centre for an arch, the principal object to be kept in view is, to fix the beams in such a manner as to support (without changing

shape) the weight of the stones and other materials that are to come upon them, through the whole progress of the work, from the springing of the arch to the fixing of the key-stone. This object has not always been sufficiently attended to by the architects of foreign countries; for, in many instances, it has been known that the centres of bridges, from the injudicious principles of their construction, have changed their shape considerably; and, in consequence, the arches built upon them have varied both in form and strength from the intention of the engineer. In Britain, however, no great inconvenience has ever been known to arise from this circumstance; our engineers having constructed their centres on principles calculated to support every weight, and resist every strain to which they might be exposed, and hence have arisen the most perfect models of masonic art that ever marked the progress of human industry.

DESCRIPTION OF PLATE LXXII.

Figure 1 shows the centre of Westminster Bridge, which is partly supported by pieces strutting from the footings, and partly by piles driven into the bed of the river.

Figure 2, the centre of Blackfriars' Bridge, supported entirely by pieces strutting from the footings and pier.

Figure 3, a longitudinal section of an arch of Waterloo Bridge, showing the piles on which the piers are raised, the masses of bricks composing the spandrels, and the centre supporting the arch. The dotted line shows the direction of a curve in which the weight is so distributed, that the different pressures to which the edifice is exposed have no tendency to change the form of the arch; and this curve, from the property just mentioned, has received the appellation of the *curve of equilibrium*.

V.—CONSTRUCTION OF WOODEN BRIDGES.—(Pl. LXXIII.)

Figure 1 is the elevation of a wooden bridge supported on the principle of an arch, and may be used where the ground rises on one side more than the other. In order that this bridge may be sufficiently strong, and the road or path-way easily surmounted by passengers and carriages, the curvature of the lower or supporting arch is much greater than that above, forming the road or path-way.

Figure 2 is a design for a wooden bridge, supported by brackets, projecting more and more as they rise. This design, as well as the following one, is adapted to a straight road or foot-way.

Figure 3, design of a bridge, in which the intrados is the arc of a circle; it is supported by wooden beams over the posts, acting as brackets. To prevent the ends of the supporting brackets from coming to a sharp edge, small keys are let in from the underside.

In order that this bridge may be sufficiently strong, when the space between the posts is very great, a truss is placed in the middle, which increases the strength, so that the span may be extended to two, or even three, times the length that it could be without it.

THE TIMBER FOOT-BRIDGE, over the Clyde, at Glasgow, is represented in the plate bearing this title, which may be numbered LXXIV. It was designed and superintended by Mr. Nicholson, in the year 1808.

Figure 1 exhibits the elevation of the bridge. The curve of the road-way is the arc of a parabola. The land abutments are strong masses of masonry, to which the timbers of the floor, or foot-way, are well secured, by cramps of iron bolted to the stone-work.

This bridge was constructed with the view of admitting a certain class of vessels to pass under it. Therefore, to keep the opening between the posts clear, the foot-way is suspended by trusses, which also support the rail-way. The breadth of the foot-way is about ten feet.

Figure 2 is a plan of the beams.

Figure 3, elevation of the middle opening.

Figure 4, elevation of the opening adjoining one of the land abutments.

Figure 5, a transverse section, showing also the elevation of the posts and braces.

Figure 6 exhibits the scarfing of the beams, the manner of bolting them together, and their junction with the post by which they are supported.

Figure 7 exhibits the manner of joining the braces and posts in the rail-way.

This bridge has resisted the most tremendous ice-floods. Floods that have risen to such a height, as only to leave a small part in the middle of the road-way dry. Both Mr. Rennie and Mr. Telford, the most eminent engineers in the country, have given their approbation of its construction, with regard to the intention, its simplicity, and strength.

CHAPTER VI.

MASONRY.

MASONRY, practically considered, is the art of shaping and uniting stones for the various purposes of building. It, therefore, includes the hewing of stones into the various forms required, and the union of them, either by joints, level, perpendicular, or otherwise; or by the aid of cement, or of iron, lead, &c. The operations of masonry require much practical dexterity, with some skill in geometry and mechanics.

In treating on this subject, it will be necessary to divide it into several branches, and first we shall notice that local necessity was its parent, and that the fluctuations of the art have always marked the rise and fall of empires.

In Egypt, Greece, and Italy, the greater works of masonry included some which were almost incredible in their extent; and their materials were equally so, if considered in detail. These countries seem to have been favoured in every way, in order to be eternized; for they abounded in porphyries and marbles, which promoted magnificence in their structures, without peculiar contrivance in arrangement. Modern masonry consists rather in the piling stones to a great height, than in covering an extent of plan; but this requires equal skill, if it be not productive of equal magnificence.

I.—OF THE MATERIALS EMPLOYED IN MASONRY.

MASONRY, at the present time, and particularly in Great Britain, is confined more to working in free-stone than in marble; in the former of which our islands greatly abound. The nature or quality of this stone yields with facility to the artificial reduction of it to any required shape. Near Bath, and in several western counties of England, it is sawed into scantlings, by means of a toothed saw; it is afterwards cut with a hand-saw, hewn by an axe, and dragged and smoothed according to the work it is intended for.

PORTLAND FREE-STONE, the most general kind made use of by the London masons, is brought from the Isle of Portland, on the coast of Dorset, in blocks of all dimensions. Its hardness gives it many requisites for producing exquisite masonry. Most of our public buildings are composed entirely of this stone; and it is frequently made use of in dwelling-houses for kirbs, strings, fascias, columns, cornices, floors of halls, vestibules, stair-cases, &c. The Portland free-stone is decidedly the most handsome free-stone known, being capable of bearing an arris in moulding equal to marble; but the great expense of its freight and duty, has lately made the Gloucestershire stone its competitor; and it will, perhaps, in a few years, be entirely superseded thereby, except for internal work, where its superior neatness will always gain it the preference.

The GRANITES of Cornwall, and the Dundee and Aberdeen stone, are much employed for works requiring great strength and solidity; as for docks, bridges, &c. These stones are so remarkable for their excessive hardness, that it has been found necessary to bring workmen with the stone to London, as few native masons would undertake to work it. The superior strength and durability of this stone over free-stone, will give masons an opportunity, by judiciously blending and arranging the several qualities of stones, to their various purposes, of producing works far more durable than their former materials gave them the power of doing.

SAND-STONE is also common to most counties of England, as well as Scotland. The quarries of sand-stone about the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh are, however, not equalled in the kingdom; this is evinced by the elegance of the buildings in these places, the superiority of which is to be found in material only, as the taste with which some towns built of brick have been laid out and executed, is not inferior to that displayed by the architects of the north.

In the parish of Sproustone, near Kelso, is a sand-stone quarry, belonging to the Dowager Duchess of Roxburgh, of immense value. The stone is of a beautiful silver grey, but does not, when exposed to the weather, retain its colour, soon becoming of a smokey hue. It is remarkably fine, indeed, so fine, that it is unfit for the purpose of whetting an edged instrument. Most part of Kelso, as well as the whole of the bridges in its vicinity, is built of it. Although not a hard stone, it is very durable, and the seam is so deep and long that stones of any dimensions whatever can be procured from it. This stone has not been much used for a number of years, as some misunderstanding has subsisted between the noble doweress and the present proprietors, respecting the proper right to the use of the mine. It is hoped, however, that the contest will soon cease, and the adjacent country again have the use of a material which conduces so greatly to its neatness and elegance.

There are many excellent beds of sand-stone in the course of the Tweed, but that which we have just mentioned is perhaps the best. A little farther up, on the lands of Dryburgh, the property of the Earl of Buchan, there is plenty of sand-stone, but it is of a deep red colour, and much indented by cross scars and seams; it is not, therefore, so generally useful as some other at no great distance from it. In the body of this stone there are many small pieces of a softer texture, and a deeper red, that do much injury to it as a durable material. The celebrated statue of Sir William Wallace, the defender of Scottish liberty, is cut out of a mass of this stone; but the sculptor, Mr. John Smith, of Darnick, has shown his skill in selecting the piece which he has used, as it appears too hard to yield at all to the ravages of time and of weather.

On the banks of the Tiviot, in the parish of Roxburgh, there is a bed of sand-stone, of excellent quality, fit for almost any purpose to which it may be applied. This has been used to a great extent, by the proprietor, Sir George Douglas, of Springwood Park, but has not been brought into general use. It is of a white yellow colour, and rises from the bed in masses sufficiently large for every purpose of masonry.

In the old buildings, in this neighbourhood, there is a species of sand-stone of a beautiful yellow and uncommonly soft; but where the builders found it cannot now be ascertained, as no vestige of a seam remains wherein the stone is of such a deep and beautiful colour. Should such be discovered, it will be of immense value to the proprietor, as its beauty would bring plenty of purchasers: for, although the fragments that now remain in the old buildings are soft and easily calcined, yet we are not to suppose that it is naturally so; and must rather conclude that it is of a nature not adapted to resist the weather, and that, in process of time, by being exposed to wetness and drought, it becomes of that softness which we have described. A little farther up, on the precipitous banks of the Tiviot, there are extensive beds of this stone; but, from their situation, they cannot be wrought with success.

In Dumfriesshire are great quarries of sand-stone, both of a red and white colour, exceedingly good; but the towns of Dumfries and Maxwelton are mostly composed of the red kind. The masses here are very small, and prevent the masons exhibiting their skill, to any great extent, in the cutting of figures, and other ornaments of architecture.

If we mistake not, there are numerous and excellent beds of this stone about the town of Kirkcudbright, and the surrounding country: but that which is found abundantly in Ayrshire, on account of its white colour and durable nature, is to be preferred to any that we have yet mentioned, Sproustone only excepted.

The mines in the other parts of Scotland, being nearly of the same nature with those already described, and this remark applying also to the mines of this sort of stone in England, we need not take any further notice of it; since

its utility, as a building material, is too well known by almost every person to require further detail.

The next sort of stone we shall mention is the COMMON WHIN-STONE, which is so well known to almost every individual as to need no description; but, since we are passing our opinion on stone, we shall say a few words of this also. It is common to almost every country where stone is to be found, but in no place is it so plentiful as in the Highlands of Scotland; and the best for the purpose of the architect is that which is to be found in the beds of rivers, and places adjacent thereto. When broken, it is generally of a blue colour, of close grit, and remarkably hard; but there are species of it subject to rot, and to be otherwise injured by exposure to the weather. Almost all rocks are composed of this stone, from which it rises in great masses, too clumsy and too hard for the polishing influence of the mason's steel.

This stone is excellent in buildings, and many of the best houses in Scotland are composed of no other material: it gathers a sort of coat when it has been long exposed to alternate wetness and drought; this coat is of a grey colour, and tends to bring on a decay of the stone, the durability of which may be considerably increased by frequently cleaning, which is practicable in gentlemen's houses, and the like.

In Scotland, whole towns are built of whin-stone, and this even when a good access to the best of free-stone can be had. This is shown in villages around Kelso, and at Sproustone, in the county of Roxburgh, where, as we have already shown, the best sand-stone in the kingdom is to be found.

II.—THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES.

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE, in all its dignity, is exercised in the theory and construction of bridges. To the enlightened mechanical mind, this, therefore, has always been a favourite subject. To him especially who delights in ranging the field of geometry and the mazes of analysis, and who feels, as he

contemplates them, that enthusiastic emotion which poets and philosophers alone can know.

There are few operations of art to which the man of science can apply his speculative principles so successfully as to the building of bridges; theory, however, has not always kept pace with practice, but now we are flushed with hopes, arising from recent examples, that science will hereafter have a potent influence in directing the operations of the mechanic, and that the carpenter and builder will lean, with full confidence, on the deductions of the mathematician.

The construction of bridges is a subject in itself highly interesting; the hazard attending their erection, and the ingenuity displayed, have such power over a contemplative mind, as to involve it in extreme astonishment. What, indeed, can be more striking than to see a huge mass of ponderous stones, suspended, not only over small brooks and rivulets, but over the mightiest rivers in the world? Yea, so far has the intrepidity of the engineer carried him, as to attempt throwing bridges even over arms of the sea; and here, also, has success been complete. Another source of astonishment is the neatness and elegance of the structure itself. Holding at nought the danger attending their labour, the workmen must show their skill in preparing, placing, and embellishing their materials, as if ornament, more than utility, were the object of their wishes: but, generally, it will be found that, while ornament is obtained, utility is not overlooked; for the stones are so artfully constructed and laid together, that, in combination, they give mutual support, and the heaviest load can be carried over with perfect safety.

The construction of a perfect bridge is, however, a very complex operation; it could not be accomplished by a rude and unintelligent people; and we find, in the history of bridges, that the erection of arches did not always correspond with the progress of other arts, even where an advantageous intercourse subsisted.

The SIMPLEST BRIDGE is obviously that which is composed of a single tree, thrown across a small stream, whose width is not too great for the length of the tree; but, when this is the case, a higher effort of inventive power is

necessary, and this is also soon supplied by stretching another tree from the opposite side, and fastening them together in the middle, by some means or other, such as twisting the branches. This sort of bridge must frequently occur by chance. Mr. Park found such in the interior of Africa.

The next step is not much more complex; for the process of twining ropes of rushes or leathern thongs is very simple; and, when the stream is too wide for one length, we have only to stretch as many as may be necessary, from one tree to another, on the opposite banks of the stream, and cover them so as to answer the purpose required. Bridges of this kind have been constructed in South-America.

The next mode of forming bridges is to construct piers of stone, at such a distance from each other, as to admit a beam of timber, or a long single stone, to stretch over the width of the stream. This, if the water be shallow, is a very simple operation; for the piers may be built of rough stone without mortar, and such a process would soon present itself to a rude people.

But, if the stream be at all times rapid and deep, and the piers built of hewn stone laid with mortar, we may infer that the people who formed such a structure are a people acquainted with the useful arts; for it is clear that the stones must previously have been quarried and hewn, and before a proper foundation for the pier could be had, the union and experience of various arts were required: hence, then, we conclude that the society in which a work of this sort, of any considerable magnitude, is accomplished, is far advanced in civilization, and has the command of much well-regulated labour.

With respect to the mode, now commonly adopted, of constructing arches between piers of stone, the history of the Chinese leads us to understand, that they erected bridges in this manner many centuries before arches were known in Europe, or to the inhabitants of any part of the western world: but, when we consider the many specious claims that this empire has held forth for the high antiquity of its improvements and inventions, we may perhaps feel but little disposed to credit the assertion. Certain, however, we are, that arches are numerous as connected with their inland navigation.

In Egypt and in India, the gardens which have produced many useful inventions, both in science and in art, the construction of the arch was totally unknown; for the temples of the one, and the tombs of the other, were produced by cutting matter away in the manner of sculpture: and further, in the antient works of Persia and Phoenicia no trace of an arch can be found. The Greeks created a school of architecture and sculpture, and carried their knowledge very far in these departments, yet even they have but an obscure claim to the knowledge of the arch. It is, at least, certain that they never used it externally in their temples, much less in the construction of bridges.

It is to the Romans, then, that we are indebted for this useful application of a great principle in architecture; but there is no certainty as to the time when it was first practised. It is asserted, by some, that the Romans derived their knowledge of the arch from the Tuscans; but, if this were admitted, the first knowledge of the art is at least very intimately connected with Greece, for we believe it is not disputed that the Tuscans were a colony of Dorians.

But, however doubtful may be the claim to the invention of the arch, we know, from history, that the Romans were the first to apply it to useful purposes; such as forming aqueducts for conveying water to cities, erecting bridges over rivers, vaulting temples, and the like, and in erecting monuments to record the exploits of their heroes.

Having thus touched on the rude bridges of uncivilized nations, and shown that the Romans were the first to bring the arch into general use, we shall pass over the description of the massy structures of this kind that have been reared in other countries, and confine ourselves to those only which are conspicuous in our own kingdom, beginning with the BRIDGE of LONDON.

This bridge was originally begun in the year 1176, by a priest, called Peter, curate of St. Mary Colechurch, a celebrated architect of those times, and occupied thirty-three years in building; but this period will not appear surprising, when it is considered that it was built over a river in which the tide rises, twice every day, from 13 to 18 feet. The bridge at first consisted

of twenty arches, but, in 1758, the middle pier was taken down, and the two adjacent arches were converted into one, the span of which is seventy-two feet; its breadth is forty-five feet, and for many ages there were houses along each side of it, but these were removed, when the middle pier was taken down, in 1758. The remaining arches are very narrow, and the piers inconveniently large, being from fifteen to twenty-five feet in thickness. The passage over the bridge is very commodious, but in other respects there is nothing remarkable about it.

The foundation-stone of WESTMINSTER BRIDGE was laid by the Earl of Pembroke, (a nobleman distinguished by his taste in architecture,) on the 24th January, 1739. It consists of thirteen large and two small semi-circular arches, of which the middle one is seventy-six feet span, and the parapets forty-four feet. The engineer was M. Labelye, a native of France; but a Mr. James King, it is believed, had some hand in the design of it.

About ten years after this magnificent edifice was completed, another was begun, at a mile lower down the river, known by the name of BLACKFRIARS'; the design was by Mr. Robert Mylne: it consists of nine arches, of an elliptical form, of which the middle one is one hundred feet in span, and the breadth across the bridge is forty-three feet six inches. The arches being elliptical, and of wider span than those of Westminster, the bridge, of course, has a lighter appearance. The general stile of it bespeaks a mind emboldened by the success of his predecessors, to advance a cautious step in the practice of bridge-building. It is a work of very great merit, and will stand a comparison with any other constructed in the same age. It was finished in $10\frac{3}{4}$ years.

But the glory of England, in bridge-building, may be seen in the Strand or Waterloo Bridge, recently erected by Mr. Rennie, between Westminster and Blackfriars' Bridges; and in the Southwark Bridge, between London and Blackfriars' Bridges. Many other excellent bridges have also been constructed in Britain, both of wood, iron, and stone, but to enter into a full detail of them here, would swell this article far beyond our prescribed bounds; we must, therefore, drop this interesting subject, and proceed to give a slight sketch of the *theory*, as connected with the principles of Mechanical Philosophy.

In the THEORY of BRIDGES we have first to examine the nature of *equilibration*; as, by a proper knowledge of, and attention to, this important subject, the beauty and stability of bridges are to be secured.

The celebrated Dr. Hook proposed, as a proper form for an arch, the curve into which a rope or chain would arrange itself, if suspended at the two extremities by pins or nails fixed in a wall; this curve is commonly called the *catenaria*, the properties of which have been investigated by different mathematicians. We do not, however, mean to give a full development of its principles in this place, but confine ourselves to what is necessary for our purpose, in order to understand the equilibrium of an arch.

Let a chain, or string of beads, equal in size and density, be suspended at its extremities by two pins or nails. It will form itself into a curve line. Suppose this curve to be turned steadily round till it obtain a position in the same plane that the beads formed themselves into in the curve; then all the beads in the arch will, by gravity and an equal pressure, retain the same position; and, consequently, the arch formed will be the *catenaria*. This arch, however, would support no weight, a mere breath being sufficient to destroy the equipoise.

But, should we suppose the beads, in place of being small globes or spheres, to become pieces of a cubical form, equal in height to the diameter of the globes, and retaining the same position, the stability of the arch would be more considerable. The arch is now formed of a mass of truncated wedges, arranged in the *catenarian* curve, which passes through their centres; and from this we infer that, when arches of other forms are supported, it is because some *catenaria* exists somewhere in their thickness. If the stones are all of the same weight, and touch only in a single point, this curve is, indeed, the only one proper for arches that have to support themselves without being disturbed by different weights or pressures; but, for arches that, besides the loads continually passing over them, have their haunches filled up, it is not so well adapted till farther modifications take place.

Suppose it were required to determine the form of an arch, of a given span and height, proper to carry a road-way of a given form.

Let the proposed span be marked horizontally, on a vertical plane of any substance that may answer the purpose; bisect the span by a perpendicular directed downwards, and equal to the given height; from the extremities of the span suspend a rope or chain, so that its middle point may be a little below the point marking the intended height of the arch; divide the span into any number of equal parts, and at the points of division raise perpendiculars cutting the suspended chain in particular points; from these points suspend pieces of chain, so adjusted that their ends may meet the line of road-way: and it may be observed that, as those which hang near the haunch bring it down, the crown will rise to its proper position.

If the sum of the small chains has, to the large one suspended from the extremities of the span, the same ratio that the material to be filled into the haunches has to the whole weight of the arch stones, this will be the exact form of the arch required to support the given road-way.

Having given this mechanical method of determining the form of the arch, under the conditions proposed, we shall next show the requisites of the piers to support the arches. And here we must consider, that the piers and abutments of bridges should be so constructed that each arch may stand alone, independently of any other support but its own weight resisted by the piers.

Many writers on the theory of bridges have found it necessary to determine the centre of gravity of the semi-arch, by means of the higher calculus; but we shall here content ourselves with principles of an easier nature, as the deductions will be the more easily applied to practice.

The ultimate pressure of arches may, in all cases, be reduced to two others; viz. the horizontal thrust, and the weight of the semi-arch: but in the arch of equilibration, this pressure is directed perpendicularly to the joints of section, and, when we make an allowance, in other cases, for the effects of friction, the horizontal thrust is not to be feared. Therefore, we have chiefly to attend to the pier itself, taking care to have it of sufficient weight, that it may not overset by turning on its lower point, as a fulcrum. Take a point in the horizontal joint, to represent the centre of pressure, and, at this point, raise a line perpendicularly, to represent the weight of the semi-

arch; at the extremity of this draw another line, perpendicularly, to represent the horizontal thrust, and let the distant extremity of this line be connected with the assumed point; the connecting line will show the ultimate pressure, and if, when produced, this line fall within the base of the pier, it is evident that it cannot overturn it. But, even though the production of this line fall without the base of the pier, the tendency that the pier has to be overturned may be destroyed by its weight; for this weight may be supposed concentrated in the centre of gravity of the pier, and therefore to act in a vertical line bisecting it.

We shall now give analytical expressions for these forces, in order to which, let t = horizontal thrust;

w = weight of the half-arch;

p = weight of the pier;

h = height of the pier to the springing of the arch;

b = the breadth at the base.

Then, $ht = \frac{1}{2} bp + \frac{3}{4} bw$; from which equation any one of the quantities can be expressed in terms of the rest. Thus, suppose it were required to find the breadth of the base of the pier, that is, to express it in terms of the other quantities which enter into its construction.

Recurring to our equation, we have $b(\frac{1}{2}p + \frac{3}{4}w) = ht$; then, dividing by $(\frac{1}{2}p + \frac{3}{4}w)$, it becomes $b = \frac{ht}{\frac{1}{2}p + \frac{3}{4}w} = \frac{4ht}{2p + 3w}$.

Again, to find the height of the pier, it is $h = \frac{b(2p + 3w)}{4t}$.

To find the weight of the pier, it is $p = \frac{4ht - 3bw}{2b}$.

To find the weight of the half arch, we have $w = \frac{4ht - 2bp}{3b}$.

To find the horizontal thrust, we have $t = \frac{b(2p + 3w)}{4h}$.

We shall show the numerical application of these formulæ, by assuming numbers to represent the different quantities, without regarding whether they be or be not such as would actually occur in the construction of bridges.

Let $t = 250$

$w = 1000$

$p = 166$

$h = 15$

$b = 4\frac{1}{2}$.

Now, suppose we want to discover the value of b , the base of the pier; the formula is $b = \frac{4ht}{2p+3w}$; that is, $b = \frac{4 \times 15 \times 250}{(2 \times 166) + (3 \times 1000)}$.

The actual operation is as follows:

166	1000	250
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	332	15
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To find h , the height of the pier, the formula is $h = \frac{b(2p+3w)}{4t} = \frac{4\frac{1}{2}((2 \times 166) + (3 \times 1000))}{4 \times 250}$.

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To find the weight of the pier, the formula is $p = \frac{4ht-3bw}{2b} = \frac{4 \times 15 \times 250 - 3 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1000}{2 \times 4\frac{1}{2}}$.

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	166 = p.	

To find the weight of the half arch, the formula is $w = \frac{4ht-2bp}{3b} = \frac{4 \times 15 \times 250 - 2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 166}{3 \times 4\frac{1}{2}}$.

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To find the horizontal thrust, the formula is $t = \frac{b(2p+3w)}{4h} = \frac{4\frac{1}{2}(2 \times 166 + 3 \times 1000)}{4 \times 15}$.

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There are other circumstances which enter into the construction of bridges, that would, if considered, give a change to the general equation which we have used; but as these have been so fully elucidated in other works, written on bridges, it is needless to dwell longer on this subject here: we proceed, therefore, to give a brief view of the fall of water under the arches of a bridge, it being necessary to pay some attention to this, also, in rearing the edifice.

It is known that, if the same quantity of water, that flows in an open extended channel, have to pass through a space any way contracted, it rises above the general level; and, consequently, has the velocity of its current increased. The piers of a bridge form obstacles in the way of running waters, and in proportion as they contract the channel, the water will rise above the usual level, and the rapidity of the current be increased; but the investigation of the law of increase, agreeing to a given contraction, would occupy too much room for our present purpose, and would, also, be too refined a speculation for this work; we shall, therefore, present a table which may be of considerable use to men of practice, as the desiderata is brought at once under his view.

THE RISE of WATER produced by OBSTRUCTIONS to the CURRENT, as by
Square-ended Piers, or abrupt Projections.

VELOCITY.		DESCRIPTION OF RIVERS.		OBSTRUCTIONS.									
Per Second.	Per Hour.	The Current usually termed.	The Bottom which just bears such Velocities.	Head of Water, and Velocity produced at the Obstruction, in Feet.									
Ft. In.	Miles.			$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{1}{128}$	$\frac{1}{256}$	$\frac{1}{512}$	$\frac{1}{1024}$
$\frac{1}{4}$ or 3	$\frac{1}{6}$	Dull,	{ Oaze and } Mud,	.0008	.34	.0009	.35	.0010	.36	.0012	.37	.0017	.42
$\frac{1}{2}$ or 6	$\frac{1}{3}$	Gliding,	Soft Clay,	.0034	.68	.0036	.69	.0041	.73	.0049	.75	.0069	.83
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$	Smooth,	Sand,	.0134	1.36	.0145	1.39	.0162	1.46	.0197	1.5	.0276	1.66
2	$1\frac{1}{3}$	{ Uniform } Tenors,	Gravel,	.0536	2.73	.0580	2.68	.0650	2.93	.0788	3.	.1104	3.33
3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	{ Ordinary } Freshes,	{ Pebbles, } Shivers,	.1207	4.09	.1305	4.06	.1462	4.39	.1773	4.5	.2484	5.
4	$2\frac{8}{11}$	{ Freshes, } Shingle,	{ and } Shingle,	.2146	5.45	.2320	5.45	.2600	5.86	.3152	6.	.4416	6.66
5	$3\frac{9}{11}$	{ Extraor- } dinary } Floods } and } Rapids, } { Torrents } and } Cataracts }	{ Boulders } and Soft } Schistus, } Stratified } Rocks, } { Indurat- } ed } Rocks, }	.3353	6.82	.3625	6.94	.4062	7.32	.4925	7.5	.6900	8.33
6	$4\frac{1}{11}$			.4828	8.18	.5320	8.33	.5840	8.78	.7092	9.	.9936	10.
10	$6\frac{9}{11}$			1.341	13.64	1.45	13.9	1.625	14.6	1.97	15.	2.76	16.3

The Rise of Water produced by Obstructions to the Current, &c. continued.

VELOCITY.		DESCRIPTION OF RIVERS.		OBSTRUCTIONS.									
Per Second.	Per Hour.	The Current usually termed.	The Bottom which just bears such Velocities.	<div><div>$\frac{1}{3}$</div><div>$\frac{1}{2}$</div><div>$\frac{5}{8}$</div><div>$\frac{3}{4}$</div><div>$\frac{7}{8}$</div></div>									
Ft. In.	Miles.			Head of Water, and Velocity produced at the Obstruction, in Feet.									
				Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.
$\frac{1}{4}$ or 3	$\frac{1}{8}$	Dull,	{ Oaze and Mud, }	.0024	.468	.005	.87	.010	.83	.023	1.75	.096	2.5
$\frac{1}{2}$ or 6	$\frac{1}{3}$	Gliding, Smooth,	Soft Clay, Sand,	.0098	.937	.020	1.75	.039	1.66	.094	2.5	.386	5.
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$	{ Uniform Tenors, }	Gravel,	.0393	1.875	.082	2.5	.158	3.33	.375	5.	1.546	10.
2	$1\frac{1}{3}$	{ Ordinary Freshes, }	{ Pebbles, Shivers, and Shingle, }	.1572	3.75	.328	5.	.632	6.66	1.500	10.	6.184	..
3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	{ Extraordinary Floods and Rapids, }	{ Boulders and Soft Schistus, }	.3537	5.62	.738	7.5	1.422	10.	3.375	..	13.914	..
4	$2\frac{3}{4}$	{ Torrents and Cataracts }	{ Stratified Rocks, }	.6288	7.5	1.312	10.	2.528	..	6.00	..	25.	..
5	$3\frac{1}{2}$			.9825	9.37	2.050	..	3.95	..	9.375	..	38.	..
6	$4\frac{1}{4}$			1.4148	11.24	2.952	..	5.688	..	13.5	..	56.	..
10	$6\frac{2}{3}$		....	3.930	..	8.20	..	15.8	..	37.5	..	..	..

We do not pretend to say, that the table now given is complete, yet, in all probability, it will be found to answer many useful purposes; but, in order that the table might be as perfect as possible, it should be divided into two parts: one referring to the velocity, and the other to the difference of level of the river's surface, for a space equal to the breadth of the bridge. The depth should also be particularly attended to, in discovering the acquired velocity; but we will not enter into these delicate circumstances, as the data cannot always be obtained with similar exactness.

We shall now give an example to show the use of the table.

Suppose it were required to build a bridge over a river, 100 feet wide, and velocity three feet per second; but the abutments and piers together reduce the water-way to 75 feet, that is, diminishing the original width by one-fourth.

Look in the table, opposite to 3 feet, and under the obstruction $\frac{1}{4}$, and .2484 will be the head found; this is about three inches, and therefore is not likely to encroach on the crown.

THE RISE of WATER produced by OBSTRUCTIONS to the CURRENT, when formed to diminish Contraction, as Piers, with Pointed Sterlings, &c.

VELOCITY.			DESCRIPTION OF RIVERS.		OBSTRUCTIONS.									
Per Second.	Per Hour.		The Current usually termed.	The Bottom which just bears such Velocities.	$\frac{1}{12}$		$\frac{1}{10}$		$\frac{1}{8}$		$\frac{1}{6}$		$\frac{1}{4}$	
Ft. In.	Miles.				Head of Water, and Velocity produced at the Obstruction, in Feet.									
					Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.
$\frac{1}{4}$ or 3	$\frac{1}{6}$		Dull,	{ Oaze and Mud, }	.0003	.28	.0004	.29	.0004	.30	.0006	.32	.001	.35
$\frac{1}{2}$ or 6	$\frac{1}{3}$		Gliding,	Soft Clay,	.0011	.56	.0014	.58	.0017	.60	.0023	.63	.004	.70
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$		Smooth,	Sand,	.0045	1.13	.0056	1.16	.0069	1.20	.0091	1.26	.015	1.40
2	$2\frac{1}{3}$		{ Uniform } Tenors,	Gravel,	.0182	2.27	.0225	2.33	.0276	2.40	.0364	2.52	.060	2.80
3	$2\frac{1}{2}$		{ Ordinary } Freshes,	{ Pebbles, Shivers, and } Shingle,	.0409	3.40	.0507	3.39	.0621	3.60	.0819	3.78	.135	4.20
4	$2\frac{3}{4}$				.0728	4.54	.0902	4.66	.1104	4.80	.1456	5.04	.240	5.60
5	$3\frac{1}{2}$		{ Extraor- } dinary Floods and Rapids,	{ Boulders } and Soft Schistus,	.1137	5.68	.1410	5.83	.1725	6.00	.2275	6.30	.375	7.00
6	$4\frac{1}{4}$		{ Torrents } and Cataracts	{ Stratified } Rocks,	.1638	6.81	.2030	6.99	.2484	7.20	.3276	7.56	.540	8.40
10	$6\frac{1}{4}$			....	.4550	11.36	.5640	11.66	.6900	12.00	.9100	12.60	1.500	14.

VELOCITY.			DESCRIPTION OF RIVERS.		OBSTRUCTIONS.									
Per Second.	Per Hour.		The Current usually termed.	The Bottom which just bears such Velocities.	$\frac{1}{3}$		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{5}{8}$		$\frac{3}{4}$		$\frac{7}{8}$	
Ft. In.	Miles.				Head of Water, and Velocity produced at the Obstruction, in Feet.									
					Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.	Head.	Vel.
$\frac{1}{4}$ or 3	$\frac{1}{6}$		Dull,	{ Oaze and Mud, }	.0014	.394	.0033	.52	.0067	.7	.0162	1.05	.068	2.1
$\frac{1}{2}$ or 6	$\frac{1}{3}$		Gliding,	Soft Clay,	.0058	.787	.0133	1.05	.0267	1.4	.0647	2.1	.274	4.2
1	$\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$		Smooth,	Sand,	.0231	1.575	.0532	2.1	.1069	2.8	.259	4.2	1.086	8.4
2	$2\frac{1}{3}$		{ Uniform } Tenors,	Gravel,	.0924	2.75	.2123	4.2	.4276	5.6	1.036	8.4	4.344	16.3
3	$2\frac{1}{2}$		{ Ordinary } Freshes,	{ Pebbles, Shivers, and } Shingle,	.2079	4.325	.4788	6.3	.9621	8.4	2.331	12.6	9.774	25.2
4	$2\frac{3}{4}$				.3696	5.5	.8412	8.4	1.7104	11.2	4.144	16.8	17.376	33.6
5	$3\frac{1}{2}$		{ Extraor- } dinary Floods and Rapids,	{ Boulders } and Soft Schistus,	.5775	7.875	1.3200	10.5	2.672	14.0	6.475	21.0	27.15	42.0
6	$4\frac{1}{4}$		{ Torrents } and Cataracts	{ Stratified } Rocks,	.8316	9.45	1.9152	12.6	3.848	16.8	9.324	25.2	39.09	50.4
10	$6\frac{1}{4}$			{ Indurat- } ed Rocks,	2.3100	15.75	5.32	21.	10.69	28.0	25.9	42.0	108.6	84.0

The effects of accidents to which rivers are liable may be discovered by this table.—By inspection, it will be seen that, when the velocity is 10 feet per second, or above it, the inundation is such as to carry away every thing before it. The numbers in the latter part of the table are those which the theory assigns; but, in fact, they are impracticable.

The next subject to which our attention shall be directed is the Water-breakers, or, what the workmen call *Sterlings*, being the extremities of the piers which meet and divide the water in its course.

The opinions of engineers respecting the proper form of this part of a bridge are various, some contending for one form, and some for another; but, it is obvious that, the form which divides the water with least resistance, and least contracts the water-way, must be the best; if, at the same time that these advantages are attained, it retains sufficient strength to support the structure.

The right-angled isosceles triangle has been employed by some bridge-builders as a form the most suitable; this opinion arises from the consideration of the right-angle being the strongest of all others; that is, if two bodies meet each other at right-angles, they will overcome a greater resistance than they would do at any other inclination.

Others again, contend for a form of two arcs, containing each 60° , described from the two angles of the pier, and meeting each other in the line dividing the water: sometimes a semi-ellipse, described on a conjugate equal to the width of the pier, is used; and, not unfrequently, others of the conic sections, or some whimsical figure that pleases the fancy of the architect.

The reasons given by the different individuals who have adopted these forms, may be stated as follows:—Those who adopt the right-angle contend that it divides the stream best, and that a more acute angle would be too weak. Those who use the semi-circle and semi-ellipse, consider that they are the best calculated to resist the shock of a loaded barge, or other floating body, that may come upon them, and that the Gothic arches combine the advantages of both: But we have already observed, that that form must be the best which is best adapted to the figure of the contracted stream, retaining sufficient strength, and allowing the water to pass most freely.

III.—OF FOUNDATIONS.

A SUBSTANTIAL foundation is of the first importance in masonry, as without it no work can be durable; and yet its construction is usually intrusted to the carpenter and bricklayer: the former for piling inferior, soft, and marshy, grounds; and the latter for raising the wall with little or no masonry.

PLANKING consists in bedding strong boards of oak or fir, the whole length and breadth of the foundation: the former should never be less than three inches, and the latter five, in thickness; and they should be scorched all over, previously to being laid down. Many dilapidations having been occasioned by the decay of planks, the use of them has, by some architects, been lately abandoned.

PILING is had recourse to, where the magnitude of the superstructure requires that the solid earth should be pierced. The piles, which are forced into the earth, are made of fir, oak, &c., usually about nine or ten inches square. Their length is ascertained by boring the ground; the ends of the piles are cased or shoed with pointed iron, and the tops surrounded with the same metal. The machine for forcing these piles consists of a frame of wood, braced with strong pieces of timber, and secured by ledgers and feet; with a cast-iron wheel at the top, about eighteen inches in diameter, and fluted on the outside for a rope, or chain, to move in. This rope, or chain, is attached to the axis of a heavy iron cylindrical beater, which, for general use, weighs about five or seven hundred weight. This cylinder slides sometimes in grooves, in the upright frame, and often on the frame of the upright. A ladder is attached for adjusting the chain, and oiling the machine. It is worked by twenty or more men, each taking hold of a rope for that purpose, and thus raising the beater up and down in the frame. When many piles are to be driven, the great labour will frequently require double sets of men to

work the beater alternately. The piles are driven as close together as can be; the tops sawn off, and the intervals filled up, by the Romans with coals, and by us with chalk and rubble; and the tops *planked* in the usual manner.

In the construction of the London Docks, the piles were all grooved on their opposite sides; and, when driven close to each other, a tongue was forced between to bind the whole together, so as to produce a close chain of wooden piling, from one end of the foundation to the other.

Some architects have not deemed either planking or piling eligible for foundations, within infirm or swampy grounds; and have, therefore, had recourse to a cradle of oak, or fir, in quartering, strongly framed and braced together in bays, and in lengths of from five to ten feet, and of widths proportionate to the superstructure: these frames are again covered over by cross-pieces, or joists, and the whole bedded firmly on the ground, and filled up flush with chalk or rubble. For receiving the foundation of brick or stone walls, this has been found safer than planking; because, if the quarters of the cradle should decay, the rubble would still remain united, and consequently the sinking of the building would be prevented.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF BRIDGES are generally laid with dry piers, by the water's being, for a time, turned into a new course, or by erecting a coffer-dam. A *coffer-dam* consists of a double chain of piles, driven into the ground, at a sufficient distance from the intended pier, to admit the work's being conveniently proceeded in; when the piles are all firmly fixed in the earth, strong horizontal beams are framed and bolted to them with braces to stiffen the intermediate parts; they are then finally planked inside and out, so as to form a complete case. The void between each casing is then filled with fat mould, or strong earth, so that very little water can percolate, and this is removed by pumping. A more ingenious method has likewise been practised. It consists of forming a strong grating of timber, covered with planks, which at once forms a floating raft, and the floor upon which the stone pier is to be erected: the pier built on the raft is composed of stones, amply secured, and rendered, by cement, water-tight; and the whole is so arranged as to float upon the water till it has advanced in height; so that,

if sunk, it should be above low-water mark, or higher, as found expedient. This levity is obtained either by attaching the raft by ropes to vessels, or by the pier's being worked with vacuities sufficient to render it specifically lighter than an equal bulk of water. The pier is sunk either by letting the water into the vacuities, or by loosening the ropes; but the bed of the river should be previously prepared for its reception, by machines of the description of ballast-heavers. Should the bottom of the masonry-ground prove not to be level, it must be raised by pumping the water out, or by means of the machines in the vessels, and the ground then satisfactorily levelled.

In the erection of Westminster Bridge, M. Labelye erected the piers in caissons, or water-tight boxes; the bulk of the box, though loaded with the pier, producing a mass specifically lighter than an equal bulk of water: after each pier had been erected, the sides of the box served again for boxes of other piers; the pier was sunk, and raised as above. Similar caissons were likewise used in erecting Blackfriars' Bridge.

Till of late years the foundation of bridges was erected in the following manner: The piles were driven into the bottom of the river, in the site of the intended pier, and then cut off a little below low-water mark; the interstices being filled with stone and strong cement; on these piles a grating of timber was laid, boarded with thick boarding, and thus was formed the floor for the intended pier. The work was then continued, at low water.

This is a very simple method, requiring no machine beyond a pile-driving engine.

The foundations of the piers of London Bridge, as appeared from that which was removed, when the two small arches were converted into one, was composed of a quadruple row of piles, driven in close together on the exterior site of the pier, and forming a case to receive the stone and cement. So soon as the exterior piles were taken away, the force of the water cleared away the remainder, so that it could not be ascertained whether there were piles in the heart of the pier. To protect the piers of this bridge, *sterlings* were constructed round them. A *sterling* consists of an enclosure of piles driven close together into the bed of the river, and secured by horizontal

pieces of timber, bolted by iron to the tops of the piles; and the void within, to the piling of the pier, filled with chalk, gravel, stone, &c. so as to form a complete defence to the internal piling, upon which the stone piers are erected.

IV.—OF WALLS. (PLATE LXXV.)

THE ancients used several sorts of Walls, in which more or less masonry was always introduced. They had their *reticular*, or reticulated, *walls*, and also the *incertain*: of these, the *reticulative* kind (*fig. 2.*) was the most handsome; but the joints are so ordered, that, in all parts, the courses have an inferior position; whereas, in the *incertain*, (*fig. 1.*) the materials rest firmly one upon another; and are interwoven together, so that they are much stronger than the reticulated, though not so handsome. In this kind of wall the courses were always level; but the upright joints were not ranged regularly or perpendicularly to each other in the alternate courses, nor in any other respect correspondently; but uncertainly, according to the size of the brick or stone employed. Thus our bricks are arranged in ordinary walls, in which all that is regarded is, that the upright joints, in two adjoining courses, do not coincide. Walls, of both sorts, are formed of very small pieces, that they may have a sufficient quantity of, or be saturated with mortar, which adds greatly to their solidity.

To saturate, or fill up, a wall with mortar, is a practice which ought to be had recourse to in every case, where small stones, or bricks, admit of it. It consists in mixing fresh lime with water, and pouring it, while hot, among the masonry in the body of the wall.

The walls called by the Greeks *Isodomum*, (*fig. 4.*) are those in which all the courses are of an equal thickness; and *Pseudo-isodomum*, or false, (*fig. 3.*) when they are unequal. Both these walls are firm, in proportion to the compactness of the mass, and the solid nature of the stones, so that they do not absorb the moistness of the mortar; and, being situated in regular and level

courses, the mortar is prevented from falling, and thus the whole thickness of the wall is united. In the wall called *emplection*, (*fig. 6.*) the faces of the stones are smooth; the other sides being left as they come from the quarry, and are secured with alternate joints and mortar. This kind of building admits of great expedition, as the artificer can easily raise a case, or shell, for the two faces of the work, and fill the intermediate space with rubble-work and mortar. Walls of this kind, consequently, consist of three coats; two being the faces, and one the rubble core, which is in the middle: but the great works of the Greeks were not thus built, for, in them, the whole intermediate space between the two faces was constructed in the same manner as the faces themselves (*fig. 5.*); and they, besides, occasionally introduced *diatonos*, or single pieces, extending from one face to the other, to strengthen and bind the wall. These different methods of uniting the several parts of the masonry of a wall, should be well considered by all persons who are intrusted with works requiring great strength and durability.

The existing examples of *Roman emplection*, with partial cores of rubble work, or brick, sufficiently prove its durability; but that of the Greek was worked throughout the whole thickness of the wall, in the same manner as the facings or fronts, as their temples, now existing, testify.

The walls of modern buildings are sometimes built for ornament, but generally combined with solidity. In London, they are regulated by a specific Act of Parliament; but, to prevent dilapidation, it is necessary to strengthen the walls beyond what the law requires, as this law was framed only as a protection from fire. The thickness of walls should be regulated according to the nature of the materials, and the magnitude of the edifice. Walls of stone may be made one-fifth thinner than those of brick; and brick walls, in the basement and ground-stories of buildings of the first-rate, should be reticulated with stones, to prevent their splitting; a circumstance which has been too much disregarded by our present builders.

Having considered those parts of masonry which are essential to all building in general, we shall now proceed to the ornamental or decorative parts of architecture in which masonry is concerned.

V.—ORNAMENTAL MASONRY.

COLUMNS.—These comprise, generally, a conoidal shaft, with a small diminution towards their upper diameter, amounting, generally, to about one-sixth less than the lower diameter. The proportion of columns, from the Egyptians, varied but little; the columns of this people, in their larger temples, amounting only to about four and a half diameters in height. Those of Greece, as in the *Parthenon*, at Athens, are little more than five. In the best Roman examples, the proportion was increased to upwards of seven diameters. The columns of *all* the Grecian remains are fluted, though in different manners. The Doric shafts have their flutes in very flat segments, finished to an arris: sometimes flutings of the semi-ellipsis shape, with fillets, were adopted.

The genius of an architect is generally displayed in the application of columns. The Greeks surrounded their public walks with them; their porticos carried this kind of splendour to its highest pitch; as in them may be found the whole syntax of architecture and masonry. To construct a temple, in the Greek manner, required the greatest taste and judgment, combined with a perfect knowledge of architecture. The *Parthenon*, at Athens, exhibits, or rather did exhibit, the most elaborate display of masonry in the world.

The comparatively perfect state in which the monuments of Greece remain, is a proof of the great judgment with which they were constructed. The famous Temple of Minerva would have been entire to this day, if it had not been destroyed by a bomb. The *Propylea*, which was used as a magazine for powder, was struck by lightning and blown up. The Temple of Theseus, having escaped accidental destruction, is almost as entire as when first erected. The little choragic monument of Thrasybulus, as well as that of Lysicrates, are also entire. These instances should impress on modern architects the utility of employing large blocks, and of uniting them

with the greatest accuracy; without which masonry is not superior to brick-laying. The core of the rubble-work of the Grecian walls is impenetrable to a tool; which is an additional proof of the care which was taken in cementing their masonry.

The joining of columns in free-stone, has been found more difficult than in marble; and the practice used by the French masons, to avoid the failure of the two arrisses of the joint, might be borrowed with success for constructing columns of some of our softer kinds of free-stone. It consists in taking away the edge of the joints, by which means a groove is formed at every one throughout the whole column. This method is employed only in plain shafts. It appears to have been occasionally used by the antients, though for a different purpose; *viz.* to admit the shaft to be adorned with flowers, and other insignia, on the occasion of their shows and games. In the French capital, they affix rows of lamps on their columns, making use of these grooves to adjust them regularly, which produces a very good effect.

The shafts of columns, in large works, intended to be adorned by flutes, are erected plain, and the flutings chiselled out afterwards. The antients commonly formed the two extreme ends of the fluting previously, as may be seen in the remaining columns of the Temple of Apollo, in the Island of Delos; a practice admitting great accuracy and neatness. The finishing the detail of both sculpture and masonry on the building itself, was an universal practice among the antients: they raised their columns first in rough blocks, on them they placed the architraves and friezes, and surmounted the whole by the cornice; finishing down only such parts as could not be got at in the building; hence, perhaps, in some measure, arose that striking proportion of parts, together with the beautiful curvature and finish given to all the profiles in Grecian buildings.

PILASTERS, in modern design, are frequently very capriciously applied. They are vertical shafts of square-edged stone, having but a small projection, with capitals and bases like columns; they are often placed by us on the face of the wall, and with a cornice over them. In Greek architecture,

they are to be met with commonly on the ends of the walls, behind the columns, in which application their face was made double the width of their sides; their capitals differing materially from those of the accompanying columns, and somewhat larger at bottom than at top, but without any *entasis* or swell.

PARAPETS.—Parapets are very ornamental to the upper part of an edifice. They were used by the Greeks and Romans, and are composed of three parts; viz. the *plinth*, which is the blocking course to the cornice; the *shaft* or *die*, which is the part immediately above the plinth; and a cornice, which is on its top, and projects in its moulding, sufficiently to carry off the rain-water from the shaft and plinth. In buildings of the Corinthian style, the shaft of the parapet is perforated in the parts immediately over the apertures in the elevation, and balustrade-enclosures are inserted in the perforations. The architects have devised the parapet with reference to the roof of the building which it is intended to obscure.

ASHLARING is a term used by masons to designate the plain stone work of the front of a building, in which all that is regarded is getting the stone to a smooth face, called its *plain work*. The courses should not be too high, and the joints should be crossed regularly, which will improve its appearance, and add to its solidity.

CILLS.—These belong to the apertures of the doors and windows, at the bottom of which they are fixed; their thickness varies, but is commonly about one inch and a half; they are also fluted on their under edges, and sunk on their upper sides, projecting about two inches, in general, beyond the ashlar.

CORNICE.—This forms the crown to the ashlaring, at the summit of a building; it is frequently the part which is marked particularly by the architect, to designate the particular order of his work; hence *Doric*, *Ionic*, and *Corinthian*, cornices are employed, when, perhaps, no column of either is used in the work; so that the cornice alone designates the particular style of the building. In working the cornice, the top or upper side should be splayed away towards its front edge, that it may more readily carry off the

water. At the joint of each of the stones of the cornice, throughout the whole length of the building, that part of each stone which comes nearest at the joints, should be left projecting upwards a small way; a process by workmen called *saddling* the joints; this is done to keep the rain-water from entering them, and washing out the cement. These joints should be chased or indented, and such chases filled with lead, and even when dowels of iron are employed, they should be fixed by melted lead also.

RUSTICATING, in architecture and masonry, consists in forming horizontal sinkings, or grooves, in the stone ashlaring of an elevation, intersected by vertical or cross ones; perhaps invented to break the plainness of the wall, and denote more obviously the bond of the stones. It is often formed by splaying away the edge of the stone only; in this style, the groove forms the elbow of a geometrical square. Many architects omit the vertical grooves in rustics, so that their walls present an uniform series of horizontal sinkings. There are many examples, both antient and modern, of each kind.

ARCHITRAVES adorn the apertures of a building, projecting somewhat from the face of the ashlaring; they have their faces sunk with mouldings, and also their outside edges. When they traverse the curve of an arch, they are called *archivolts*. They give beauty to the exterior of a building, and the best examples are among the Greek and Roman buildings.

BLOCKING COURSE.—This is a course of stone, traversing the top of the cornice to which it is fixed; it is commonly, in its height, equal to the projection of the cornice. It is of great utility in giving support to the latter by its weight, and to which it adds grace. At the same time, it admits of gutters behind it to convey the superfluous water from the covering of the building. The joints should always cross those of the cornice, and should be plugged with lead, or cramped on their upper edges with iron. The Romans often dove-tailed such courses of stone.

FASCIA is a plain course of stone, generally about one foot in height, projecting about an inch before the face of the ashlaring, or in a line with the plinth of the building: it is fluted or *throated* on its upper edge, to prevent the water from running over the ashlaring; its upper edge is sloped

downwards for the same purpose. It is commonly inserted above the windows of the ground-stories; *viz.* between them and those of the principal story.

A PLINTH, in masonry, is the first stone inserted above the ground: it is in one or more pieces, according to its situation, projecting beyond the walls above it about an inch, with its projecting edge sloped downwards, or moulded, to carry off the water that may fall on it.

IMPOSTS.—These are insertions of stone, with their front faces generally moulded; when left plain, they are prepared in a similar manner to the facias. They form the spring-stones to the arches in the apertures of a building, and are of the greatest utility.

VI.—THE CONSTRUCTION OF DOMES.

THE CONSTRUCTION of a DOME is less difficult than that of an arch, because the tendency, which each part has to fall, is not only counteracted by the pressure of the parts above and below, but also by the resistance of those on each side. Thus a dome may be erected, not only without the centring which an arch requires, but it may likewise be left open at the top, without any key-stone.

The masonry of domes differs from that of arching, in the figure of each voussoir, which must fit the void in a sphere instead of its sections. If a dome rises nearly vertical, with its form spherical, and of equal thickness, it should be confined with a chain, or hoop, as soon as the rise reaches to about $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of its whole diameter, in order that the lower parts may not be forced out: but, if the masonry is diminished in thickness as it rises, this precaution will not be necessary.

The dome of the antient Pantheon, at Rome, built by order of Augustus, is nearly circular, but its lower parts are made sufficiently thick to resist the pressure of the upper parts; moreover, the spreading is prevented by several projections, which answer the purpose of abutments and buttresses.

At the restoration of the arts in Italy, many attempts were made to imitate the dome of the Pantheon; but the skill of the architect was, in general, insufficient for ensuring success.

Anthemius, a Grecian architect, was selected by the Emperor Justinian, for erecting a dome to the church of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, which church was to be in form of a cross, and vaulted with stone; this dome he attempted to raise on the heads of four piers, about 115 feet high, and at the same extent from each other, with four buttresses to aid the piers. The buttresses were solid masses of stone, extending, at least, ninety feet from the piers to the north and south, so as to form the side walls of the cross. These effectually secured the piers from the thrust of the two great arches of the nave which supported the dome. But, when the dome was finished, and had stood a few months, as there was no provision against the thrust of the great north and south arches, the two eastern piers, with their buttresses, were soon pushed from their perpendicular; and, consequently, the dome and half-dome fell in. On the death of Anthemius, Isidorus, another Grecian, succeeded to the work, and, having filled up some hollows to strengthen the piers on the east side, again began to raise the dome; but, while one part was building, another part fell in. It was now found that the pillars and walls of the eastern semi-circular end were too much shattered to give any resistance to the push which was directed against them; and therefore several clumsy buttresses were erected on the eastern wall of the square which surrounded the Greek cross. These were roofed in, so as to form a kind of cloister, and lean against the piers of the dome, and thus oppose the thrust of the great north and south arches. The dome was now turned for the third time; and though it was extremely flat, and, except the ribs, roofed with pumice-stone, it was soon found necessary to fill the whole, from top to bottom, with arcades, in three-stories, to prevent the dome falling a third time. Thus a dome, which was intended to be a beautiful specimen of architecture, was rendered a mis-shapen mass of deformity and ignorance. This example should warn the architect not rashly to undertake what he has not sufficient science, in a proper manner, to perform.

Since that time, several domes have been erected in various parts of Europe, that display every requisite of beauty and strength, peculiar to this species of building. St. Peter's, at Rome, is a superb specimen; and St. Paul's, at London, though it is more remarkable for its carpentry than its masonry, developes equal talent. The dome of the Hospital of Invalids, at Paris, is a beautiful work; and that of the church of St. Genevieve, including the peristyle on which it rests, is, perhaps, the most beautiful specimen in existence, as to form and composition. The peristyle is formed by fifty-two columns of the Corinthian order, each about fifty feet high, completely insulated, and standing on a circular stylobat. Above the cornice of the peristyle, the dome arises in a beautiful curved line to the top, on which is formed a pedestal and gallery. But, when the dome was raised, the columns composing the interior began to sink with the weight; and some of the shafts of the columns decorating the interior, which consisted of four naves, with the lantern and dome over them, began to fracture at the joinings; this defect was removed by walling up the inter-columniation at the four quarters of the screen, which thus preserved from dilapidation one of the finest monuments of taste and genius.

The last specimen which we shall mention is the rotunda of the Bank of England, erected on the principles of the Pantheon, at Rome. The dome takes its spring, from a wall of great thickness, and is furnished with several projections externally, which answer the purposes of buttresses. It is open at the summit, which lights the whole of the interior of the building. This is an unique specimen, and bears very honourable testimony to the talents of its constructor, Sir Robert Taylor.

VII.—VALUATION OF MASONS' WORK.

To all the distinct parts of masons' work, a certain value is assigned for the labour and expense of erection and execution.

Masons' work is generally measured with two rods, about five feet long, each divided into feet, halves and quarters of feet, and sometimes inches; but

the common rule is generally applied to measure the smaller fractions. Stone-work, exceeding two inches in thickness, is valued by cubic feet; if less than two inches, it is reckoned as slabs, and valued by superficial feet. All kinds of ornamental work, as groovings, flutings, joints, rebats, throatings, copings, &c., are valued by the running foot. The dimensions are put down in a book, ruled in three divisions on its left-hand side, the middle being about one-third of those on its sides, and is used for the inches and parts: the left-hand column is for the feet and the number of times the dimensions are to be repeated; and the right-hand column for the quantities, when cubed and squared; for it often happens that there are several pieces of the same size, and these are marked down, as well as the nature of the stone, and the species of labour required for working it. The dimension-book will thus stand in the following manner:

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3		7	:	6	22 : 6 Groove Do.

Thus every portion of material and labour is accurately ascertained. After this has been done, a loose sheet of paper is ruled into as many columns as there are species of work, which is written over the head of each: as, beginning with cube of Portland-stone, is placed in the column under that head; and the same for plain-work, sunk-work, moulded-work, and each species of running-work, separately. They are cast up at the bottom of each column, and from them made out into bills, beginning with cubes, then superficies; and, lastly, ornamental-work. For measuring, cubing, squaring, valuing, and finishing the account, surveyors are allowed two and a half per cent. on the gross amount.

Plain-work consists merely in the cleaning up of its surface, and all is measured which is seen.

Sunk-work is that which has been partly chiselled away, as the tops of window-cills, &c.

Moulded-work is that which is formed into various forms on the edges, as cornices, architraves, &c. The dimensions of moulded-work are ascertained by girting the whole round with a piece of tape, over and into all its several parts; the length of the tape will give the width of the moulded-work, and then taking its length, and squaring them together, the superficial quantity of moulded-work will be given. A distinct valuation is attached to each kind of labour; and, as this varies in different places, it would be of little use to insert any here. In London, however, the prices are uniform for each separate kind.

VIII.—DESCRIPTION OF THE SECTIONS OF ARCHES.

(PLATE LXXVI.)

TO DESCRIBE A PARABOLIC ARCH, the span and height of the arch being given—

METHOD 1.—*Figures 1 and 2.*—Let AB be the span: Bisect AB in the point C, and draw CD perpendicular to AB. Make CD equal to the height of the arch. Produce CD to E; making DE equal DC, join EA, EB. In AE set off the distances A1, A2, A3, &c., so that the parts may be all equal; and, in EB, set off the parts E1, E2, E3, &c., so that the differences may be all equal. Join the corresponding points 1,1; 2,2; 3,3; &c. and the intersections of the several lines will form the parabola required.

Fig. 1 is adapted to a segment, where the rise of the arch is considerable. *Fig. 2* is adapted to the head of an aperture, where the radius of curvature of the arch is very great, or where the deflection of the curve from a straight line is but small.

METHOD 2.—*Figure 3.*—AB and CD being as before, draw DE parallel to AB, and AE parallel to CD. Divide AC into any number of equal parts, and AE into the same number. From the points 1, 2, 3, &c. in AE, draw

lines to D, intersecting perpendiculars to A, drawn from the points 1, 2, 3, &c., in AC. Through the points of intersection draw the curve AD. In the same manner draw the curve BD.

To draw a straight line perpendicular to the curve from a given point *h*, (*fig. 3*.) as a joint.

In the curve take any other point, as B, at pleasure, and join B*h*. Bisect B*h* in *e*, and draw *eg* perpendicular to AB, intersecting the curve in the intermediate point *f*. Make *fg* equal to *fe*; join *eg*, and draw *hi* perpendicular to *eg*; then *hi* will be the joint required.

A PRACTICAL METHOD of describing the CURVE of an ARCH, and of drawing the joints. (*Figure 4.*)

Let AB be the axis major. Bisect AB in C, and draw CD perpendicular to AB, and make CD equal to the semi-axis minor. Draw DE and AE, respectively parallel to AB and CD. Divide AC and AE each into three equal parts. Produce DC to *g*, and make C*g* equal to CD. Draw lines from the points of division in AE to the point D, to intersect other lines in *ef*, drawn from *g* through the points of division in AC; then, *e* and *f* will be points in the curve.

Bisect *fD* by a perpendicular, meeting D*g* produced in *h*, and join *hf*, intersecting AC in *k*. Bisect *ef* by a perpendicular, meeting *gh* in *i*. Draw *iq* parallel to AB. From *i*, with the radius *if*, describe the arc *fq*. Join *qA*, and produce *qA* to meet the arc *fq*: join the point of meeting, and the point *i* intersecting AB in *l*.

From *h*, with the radius *hD*, describe an arc D*f*; from *i*, with the radius *if*, describe an arc *fe*; and from *l*, with the radius *lc*, describe the arc *cA*.

By placing the centres in the same position, the other half, DB, of the semi-elliptic arc, ADB, will be described.

To DRAW a TANGENT to a semi-elliptic arch, the axis-major being horizontal. (*Figure 5.*)

Find the focii *u* and *v*. Let *s* be a point in the curve: join *su* and *sv*.

Draw st , bisecting the angle usv , and st will be the joint required. In the same manner any other joint, qr , will be found.

Or, by finding the position of the centres, and that of the lines for describing the curve, as in *fig.* 4, the joints may be drawn, as qr from k , st from i .

Figure 6 is a semi-circular arch, with the joints marked out.

Figure 7 a semi-elliptic arch, with the joints also marked out, and the centres for drawing them as before.

IX.—STONE-CUTTING, &c.

A SEMI-CIRCULAR RIGHT ARCH. (*Plate LXXVII.*)

LET ABCD, (*figure 4.*) be the plan of the arch. Divide the opening into two equal parts by the perpendicular EF; from E, with the radius of the intrados, describe the semi-circle AFB; and, from the same point E, with the radius of the extrados, describe the semi-circle GHI. Divide the arch GHI, of the extrados, into five equal parts, and draw the radiating lines ko, lp, mq, nr , for the joints, which will form the heads of the arch-stones.

The horizontals and perpendiculars are not drawn as in the last example, because the stones may be formed without making a mould for each stone, by having the head of the arch-stone and thickness of the wall only, in the following manner :

Choose a stone of sufficient length to answer the thickness of the wall, and of such breadth and depth as to answer the other dimensions. Reduce the side intended for the intrados to a plain surface, on which draw the two parallel lines ab, cd , (*fig.* 1,) distant from each other the space between the joints of the intrados; then square one end, as, ac to $abcd$, and parallel to ac draw bd , at a distance equal to the thickness of the wall. Square the other end of the stone, and on the head apply the mould $pqml$, (*fig.* 4,) so that its extremities pq may coincide with ca , (*fig.* 1,) when applied to one head, and with bd when applied to the other; then hollow out the intrados, and cut the joints or beds according to the traces, as exhibited at *figure 2*.

Figure 3 exhibits a stone entirely finished, and all the others are formed after the same manner; but, instead of forming the heads on the stones themselves, a bevel, such as shewn in *fig. 4*, koA' , may be used with advantage.

The higher part of *fig. 4* represents an arch-stone, accompanied with the moulds on each side, which will explain the application more particularly.

The middle part of *figure 4* shows the arch complete, with all the stones supporting one another.

THE ELLIPTICAL ARCH, WITH SPLAYED JAMBS. (*Plate LXXVIII.*)

To find the angles of the joints formed by the front and intrados of an Elliptical Arch, erected on splayed jambs.

Figure 1, on the plate, is the plan of the Imposts.

Figure 2, the Elevation.

The impost $A'B'C'D'E'$ is the first bed; $fghik$, the second; $lmnop$, the third; $qrstuv$, the fourth; $vwxyz$, the fifth: The other beds are the same in reverse order. The breadth of all these beds is the same as that of the arch itself. The length kK , nP , sU , xZ , of the front lines of the moulds of the beds are respectively equal to the lines HF , NL , SQ , XV , on the face of the arch. And also, hg , nm , sr , xw , on the fronts of the moulds equal to the corresponding distances HG , NM , SR , XW , on the face of the arch. The distances kf , pl , uq , zv , are each equal to the perpendicular part AE of the impost.

TO FIND THE JOINTS OF AN ARCH IN MASONRY.

Let ABC (*Plate LXXIX,*) be the *intrados*, and DEF be the *extrados*, of the arch. Draw DK , AL , CM , FN , perpendicular to the base DF , of the arch. Make the angle DFG equal to the angle which the wall makes with the jambs of the arch, and draw KN , at a distance from GF , equal to the thickness of

the wall; then the plan of the wall is represented by GFNK; the abutment on one side, or springing base, is represented by GHLK, and that on the other side by FIMN. Let J be the centre of the given arch.

Divide ABC, the intrados of the arch, into as many equal parts as the arch-stones are in number. Through the points 1, 2, 3, &c., draw lines 1*q*, 2*r*, 3*s*, &c., cutting the one side KN of the wall at *q*, *r*, *s*, &c., and the other side at *n*, *o*, *p*, &c.

In *figure 2*, draw the straight line AB, and make AB equal to the stretch out of the arc ABC, and let Ag, *gh*, *hi*, be equal to the distances on the arc ABC. Draw the perpendiculars ACE, *gkn*, *hlo*, &c. Make AC equal to AH, *figure 1*; *gk* equal to *kn*, *figure 1*; *hl* equal to *lo*, *figure 1*; *im* equal to *mp*, *figure 1*; and so on: then through the points C, *k*, *l*, *m*, &c., to D, draw the curve line CD. Likewise make AE, *gn*, *ho*, *ip*, &c. respectively equal to AL, *kq*, *ms*, &c. (*fig. 1.*); then, through all the points E, *n*, *o*, *p*, &c. to F, draw the curve EF, which will complete the whole developement of the intrados of the arch.

The parts C*kn*E, *klo*n, *lmp*o, &c., are the heads, or exact forms, of the ends of the stones of the arch, and therefore the moulds of the ends of the arch-stones must be made to correspond to these figures.

To find the bevels of the joints of the stones.—Let *q*, *s*, *u*, (*fig. 1.*) be the points of division on the intradosal line, next to the crown of the arch.

From the centre J, and through the points *q*, *s*, *u*, &c., draw the lines Jr, J*t*, J*v*, &c., then *qr*, *st*, *uv*, &c. will represent the joints of the arch. From the points *q*, *s*, *u*, &c., draw *qa*, *sd*, *ug*, &c., parallel to AH, cutting GF in the points *a*, *d*, *g*, &c.; and, from the points *r*, *t*, *v*, &c., draw *rc*, *tf*, *vi*, &c., parallel to AH, cutting GF in the points *c*, *f*, *i*, &c. Draw *bc*, *ef*, *hi*, &c. parallel to DF.

Then, to find the bed of the stone answering to the joint *qr*, draw the straight line *abc*, No. 1, and make *ab* equal to *ba*, *figure 1*. Draw *ae* perpendicular to *ac*, and make *ae* equal to *qr*, *figure 1*; and make *ac*, No. 1, equal to GK or HI, &c. In No. 1, draw *cd* parallel to *be*, and *ed* parallel to *ac*; then will the figure be formed of the bed of the stone.

In the same manner we may form No. 2, to the joint st ; and No. 3, to the joint uv ; and so on.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &c. are the forms of the moulds for the beds of the right-hand arch-stones; and Nos. 1, 2, 3, &c. reversed on the right-hand, are the moulds for the beds of the arch-stones on the left-hand: viz. No. 1, and No. 1, are the two bed-moulds next to, and on each side of, the crown; No. 2, and No. 2, are the second equi-distant bed-moulds from the crown.

In working the stones, the beds ought to be numbered the same as the moulds, in order that the arch-stones may be readily applied together.

The stone-cutter may first work one of the beds, and cut the form of the mould upon the bed of the stone.

OBLIQUE CIRCULAR ARCH. (*Plate LXXX.*)

Let $ABNO$ (*figure 1.*) be the face of an oblique arch, of which $rsmn$ is the plan; $AMrm$, $OQsn$, the imposts; rm and sn being the jambs.

Suppose, then, that the obliquity of the arch were given, with the number of stones requisite for its construction, the figure of the stones may be obtained by the following construction:—

Find the centre C , of the span rs , which join with the points of division in the arch, by the straight lines CB , CN , &c. At the point C , in rs , make the angle rCD equal to the given obliquity; in CD take any point, as P , and from P , draw PE , meeting rC perpendicularly in E : Upon EC describe the semi-circle $EabcC$, cutting the joints produced in the points a, b, c : with the distances Ea, Eb, Ec , describe arcs meeting EC in the points a', b', c' ; join Pa' , Pb' , and Pc' , then will $Pa'r$, $Pb'r$, and $Pc'r$, be the angles of the faces of the stones to which they are referred.

Again, to find the angle of the bed: upon PC describe the semi-circle $Pa''b''c''C$; and, from C , with the distances Ca, Cb, Cc , cut the semi-circle in a'', b'', c'' ; join Pa'' , Pb'' , and Pc'' , then PCa'' , PCb'' , and PCc'' , will be the angles of the bed.

A SEMI-CIRCULAR ARCHED PASSAGE, BETWEEN TWO SEMI-CIRCULAR ARCHED
VAULTS. (*Plate LXXXII.*)

To form the curve of intersection, and cut the stones for this arch.—Let AB be the thickness of the wall in which the passage is to be made, BC and At the two semi-circular arches; EL the opening of the passage; by which the arch GH*c* is described, which divide into any number of parts, at pleasure. Through the points of division draw the lines H*t*, K*p*, wN, which with the semi-circular arches, will form mixt angles, that serve to give the heads of the stones the proper projection, to intersect the semi-circular vaults.

To mark in the plan, the meeting of the passage with the said semi-circular vaults, let fall the perpendiculars CO, SI, QR, &c., which, by their intersecting or meeting the lines RT, IV, OF, &c., will give the points R, I, O, &c., through which trace the curves POR and EFL.

To trace one of the first stones; square the bed and one side of a stone, take the thickness of the wall AB, which lay along the arris of the stone, and, at each of the said lines draw two others on the bed, square to the arris; with a bevel take the mixt angle ZAN, by which dress the two heads, square in themselves; on the upper bed trace the versed sine G*b*, and on the side the sine *bw*, then work out the sheeting with the curve G*w*, and cut the joints square to the sheeting curves; that is, the joint of the semi-circular vault by the mixt angle AN*r*, and that of the passage by the bevel MG*a*.

The other stones are cut exactly in the same manner, excepting that the bevel *nQC* is used to cut the sweep of the second stones, and the bevel *spv* for the key. The rest is so plain as to require no explanation.

AN ARCHWAY REVEALED *and* SPLAYED, *and* the SPLAY ARCHED *with a* SEGMENT, *in order to give room for Gates to open when they are made to the height of the front Arch.* (Plate LXXXIII.)

See the elevation, (*figure 1*.) where A is the impost, BB the reveal, C the splayed retreat. Let ABDC, (*figure 2*.) be the plan, A*e* the depth of the impost, *efg* the reveal, *gc* the splay.

Describe the arch of the gate-head A'EB', and that of the reveal *a'e'b'*; and, at the extremities C and D of the splay, draw the perpendiculars CF' and DG', in which find the points F and G in the following manner:

Describe the arch of the splay I'K', (*fig. 3*.) make I'L' equal to *gC*, (*fig. 2*.); perpendicular to I'L' draw L'K'; make M'F' and N'G' each equal to L'K', and through the points F'G' trace the arc F'G', as flat as may be necessary for the gates to swing open.

The most compounded joint in this gate is OP, formed by the arc of the reveal and that of the splay. To draw the joint-mould for this: from the point *h*, (*fig. 2*.) draw *hQ'* perpendicular to AB, meeting O'P' in Q'. Draw I'S' perpendicular to IL, and Q'S' and P'T parallel to IL': join TS' intersecting the arc in U'; draw U'V' parallel to P'T, meeting the joint-line O'P' in V', and V' is the point in which the stone will form an angle. Draw the line of the impost *ab*, and the reveal *bcd* (*fig. 2*); draw U'W' perpendicular to I'L', make *hi*, on the splay of the jamb, equal to IW', and draw *ik* parallel to AB. Make *kl* equal to O'V', *mn* equal to O'P', join *dl*, *ln*, and *abcdln* will be the form of the joint; and all the joints which are cut in this forked angle are found in the same manner.

For the mould of the second joint.—Make *mp* equal to XY, and join *dp*.

To cut one of the first stones.—With the head-mould, B'O'P'i', prepare an arch-stone, as No. 1, whose length is equal to *am* on the plan; apply the

mould of the plan, $IAefgCK$, on the under bed, and, on the upper bed, the joint-mould, $zabcdlnx$. On the soffit of No. 1, draw ab , to mark the thickness of the impost, and, on the rear or tail of the stone, draw cd , representing $N'P'$ on the elevation. Then, to hollow out the concave surface of the reveal, with a curved bevel, $b'l'$, (*fig. 3*.) draw the curves ef , gh , No. 1. By the lines bc , cd , dk , dress that side which will be terminated by kh , making use of the curved templet cut by $b'l'$, (*fig. 3*.) which apply, from time to time, till the forked joint is formed, and the whole of the superfluous stone being cut away, it will appear in the form of No. 2.

The second stone, No. 3, is traced in the same manner.

X.—RAKING MOULDINGS. (*Plate LXXXIV.*)

RAKING MOULDINGS more frequently occur in Masonry than in Joinery: hence we give the following design in consistency with the plan of our work.

Figure 1 is a complete design of a cornice, having part of the ogee level, and part inclined, as happens in the level cornice of a building, with a pediment in the front: a, b, c, d, e , is the moulding at the angle of the break, or projecture, of the pediment, which moulding is given in order to find the right section of the inclined ogee in the pediment. Let af and ee be the two parallel lines which terminate the breadth of the raking or inclined moulding; and let ak and el be the parallel lines terminating the breadth of the moulding which is level.

At a convenient place draw pt parallel to the edge ak of the level ogee: In the given moulding, a, b, c, d, e , take any number of points, b, c, d , and draw bg , ch , di , parallel to af , or ee ; also draw ap , bq , cr , ds , and et , perpendicular to ak , or el , meeting pt in the points q, r, s : also, at any convenient distance from af , draw $p't'$ parallel thereto, and transfer the distances pq , qr , rs , st , to $p'q'$, $q'r'$, $r's'$, and $s't'$, and draw $p'A$, $q'B$, $r'C$, $s'D$, $t'E$,

perpendiculars to $t'p'$, or af , meeting the lines af, bg, ch, di, ee , in the points A, B, C, D, and E, and a curve, being drawn through these points, will be the right section of the raking-moulding.

To find the section through mitre $t''e$ of the two inclined sides, draw $t''p''$ perpendicular to $t''e$, and transfer the distances ts, sr, rq, qp , to $t''s'', s''r'', r''q'', q''p''$. Draw $s''d, r''c, q''b, p''a$, perpendicular to $t''p''$, also draw fa, qb, hc, id , perpendicular to $t''e$. Then the curve through the points $abcde$ will be the common section of the two raking-mouldings, as required.

Figure 2 is a reverse ogee, which is traced on the same principle as the ogee, figure 1.



CHAPTER VII.

AN EXPLANATION OF TERMS, AND DESCRIPTION OF TOOLS, USED IN MASONRY; INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION OF CEMENTS, OR MORTAR, &c.

ABUTMENT.—A term used both in carpentry and masonry. An explanation of it, as used in carpentry, may be found on referring to page 218. In masonry, the *abutments* of a bridge mean the walls adjoining to the land, which support the ends of the extreme arches or roadway.

APERTURE.—An opening through a wall, &c. which has, generally, three straight sides; of these, two are perpendicular to the horizon, and the other parallel to it, connecting the lower ends of the vertical stones or *jamb*s. The lower side is called the *cill*, and the upper side the *head*. The last is either an arch or a single stone. If it be an arch, the aperture is called an *arcade*. Apertures may be circular or cylindrical; but these are not very frequent.

ARCH.—Part of a building suspended over a hollow, and concave towards the area of the same.

ARCHIVOLT *of the Arch of a Bridge*.—The curved line formed by the upper sides of the arch-stones in the face of the work; by the *archivolt* is also understood the whole set of arch-stones that appear in the face of the work.

ASHLAR.—A term applied to common or free-stones, as they come out of the quarry. By *ashlar* is also meant the facing of squared stones on the front

of a building. If the work be so smoothed as to take out the marks of the tools by which the stones were first cut, it is called *plane-ashlar*: if figured, it may be *tooled ashlar*, or *random tooled*, or *chiselled*, or *boasted*, or *pointed*. If the stones project from the joints, it is said to be *rusticated*.

BANKER.—The stone bench on which work is cut and squared.

BANQUET.—The raised footway adjoining to the parapet on the sides of a bridge.

BATTARDEAU. See *Coffer-dam*.

BATTER.—The leaning part of the upper part of the face of a wall, which so inclines as to make the plumb-line fall within the base.

BEDS of a Stone.—The parallel surfaces which intersect the face of the work in lines parallel to the horizon.

In arching, the beds are, by some, called *summerings*; by others, with more propriety, *radiations* or *radiated joints*.

BOND.—That regular connection, in lapping the stones upon one another, when carrying up the work, which forms an inseparable mass of building.

BUTMENT. See *Abutment*.

CAISSON.—A chest of strong timber in which the piers of a bridge are built, by sinking it, as the work advances, till it comes in contact with the bed of the river, and then the sides are disengaged, being constructed for that purpose.

CEMENT and MORTAR, Composition of.—It is almost superfluous to say, that cement, or mortar, is a preparation of lime and sand, mixed with water, which serves to unite the stones, in the building of walls, &c.

On the proper or improper manner in which the cement or mortar is prepared and used, depends the durability and security of every building: we shall, therefore, here introduce many particulars on this head, discovered by *Dr. Higgins*, but which, not being generally known, have never been reduced into general practice.

For the preparation of every kind of mortar, or cement, the subsequent remarks should always be known. Of *Sand*, the following kinds are to be preferred; first, *drift-sand*, or *quarry-sand*, which consists chiefly of hard quartose flat-faced grains, with sharp angles; secondly, that which is the

freest, or may be most easily freed by washing, from clay, salts, and calcareous, gypseous, or other grains less hard and durable than quartz; thirdly, that which contains the smallest quantity of pyrites or heavy metallic-matter, inseparable by washing; and, fourthly, that which suffers the smallest diminution of its bulk in washing. Where a coarse and fine sand of this kind, and corresponding in the size of their grains with the coarse and fine sands hereafter described, cannot be easily procured, let such sand of the foregoing quality be chosen as may be sorted and cleansed in the following manner:—

Let the sand be sifted in streaming clear water, through a sieve which shall give passage to all such grains as do not exceed one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter; and let the stream of water, and the sifting, be regulated so that all the sand which is much finer than the Lynn-sand, commonly used in the London glass-houses, together with clay, and every other matter specifically lighter than sand, may be washed away with the stream; whilst the purer and coarser sand, which passes through the sieve, subsides in a convenient receptacle, and the coarse rubbish and rubble remain on the sieve to be rejected.

Let the sand, which thus subsides in the receptacle, be washed in clean streaming water through a finer sieve, so as to be further cleansed, and sorted into two parcels; a coarser, which will remain in the sieve, which is to give passage to such grains of sand only as are less than one-thirtieth of an inch in diameter, and which is to be saved apart under the name of *coarse sand*; and a finer, which will pass through the sieve and subside in the water, and which is to be saved apart under the name of *fine sand*. Let the coarse and the fine sand be dried separately, either in the sun, or on a clean iron-plate, set on a convenient surface, in the manner of a sand-heat.

Let *stone-lime* be chosen, which heats the most in slaking, and slakes the quickest when duly watered; that which is the freshest made and closest kept; that which dissolves in distilled vinegar with the least effervescence, and leaves the smallest residue insoluble, and in the residue the smallest quantity of clay, gypsum, or martial matter. Let the lime, chosen accord-

ing to these rules, be put in a brass-wired sieve, to the quantity of fourteen pounds. Let the sieve be finer than either of the foregoing; the finer the better it will be: let the lime be slaked, by plunging it into a butt filled with soft-water, and raising it out quickly, and suffering it to heat and fume; and, by repeating this plunging and raising alternately, and agitating the lime until it be made to pass through the sieve into the water; and let the part of the lime which does not easily pass through the sieve be rejected: and let fresh portions of the lime be thus used, until as many ounces of lime have passed through the sieve as there are quarts of water in the butt.

Let the water, thus impregnated, stand in the butt closely covered until it becomes clear, and through wooden cocks placed at different heights in the butt, let the clear liquor be drawn off, as fast and as low as the lime subsides, for use. This clear liquor is called *lime-water*. The freer the water is from saline matter, the better will be the cementing liquor made with it.

Let fifty-six pounds of the aforesaid chosen lime be slaked, by gradually sprinkling the lime-water on it, and especially on the unslaked pieces, in a close clean place. Let the slaked part be immediately sifted through the last mentioned fine brass-wired sieve: let the lime which passes be used instantly, or kept in air-tight vessels; and let the part of the lime which does not pass through the sieve be rejected. This finer and richer part of the lime, which passes through the sieve, may be called *purified lime*.

Let bone-ash be prepared in the usual manner, by grinding the whitest burnt bones; but let it be sifted, so as to be much finer than the bone-ash commonly sold for making cupels.

The best materials for making the cement being thus prepared, take fifty-six pounds of the coarse sand, and forty-two pounds of the fine sand; mix them on a large plank of hard wood placed horizontally; then spread the sand so that it may stand to the height of six inches, with a flat surface on the plank, wet it with the lime-water, and let any superfluous quantity of the liquor, which the sand in the condition described cannot retain, flow away off the plank. To the wettest sand add fourteen pounds of the purified lime, in several successive portions; mixing and beating them up together,

in the mean time, with the instruments generally used in making fine mortar: then add fourteen pounds of the bone-ash, in successive portions, mixing and beating all together.

The quicker and the more perfectly these materials are mixed and beaten together, and the sooner the cement thus formed is used, the better it will be. This may be called *coarse-grained water-cement*, which is to be applied in building, pointing, plastering, stuccoing, or other work, as mortar and stucco generally are; with this difference chiefly, that, as this cement is shorter than mortar, or common stucco, and dries sooner, it ought to be worked expeditiously in all cases; and, in stuccoing, it ought to be laid on by sliding the trowel upwards on it. The materials used along with this cement in building, or the ground on which it is to be laid in stuccoing, ought to be well wetted with the lime-water in the instant of laying on the cement. The lime-water is also to be used when it is necessary to moisten the cement, or when a liquid is required to facilitate the floating of the cement.

When such cement is required to be of a still finer texture, take ninety-eight pounds of the fine sand, wet it with the lime-water, and mix it with the purified lime and the bone-ash, in the quantities and in the manner above described; with this difference only, that fifteen pounds of lime, or thereabouts, are to be used instead of fourteen pounds, if the greater part of the sand be as fine as Lynn sand. This may be called *fine-grained water-cement*. It is used in giving the last coating, or the finish, to any work intended to imitate the finer-grained stones or stucco. But it may be applied to all the uses of the *coarse-grained water-cement*, and in the same manner.

When, for any of the foregoing purposes of pointing, building, &c., a cement is required much cheaper and coarser-grained than either of the foregoing, then much coarser clean sand than the foregoing coarse sand, or well-washed fine rubble, is to be provided. Of this coarse sand, or rubble, take fifty-six pounds, of the foregoing coarse sand twenty-eight pounds, and of the fine sand fourteen pounds, and, after mixing these, and wetting them with the cementing-liquor, in the foregoing manner, add fourteen pounds, or

somewhat less, of the purified lime, and then fourteen pounds, or somewhat less, of the bone-ash, mixing them together in the manner already described. When the cement is required to be white, white sand, white lime, and the whitest bone-ash, are to be chosen. Gray sand, and gray bone-ash formed of half-burnt bones, are to be chosen to make cement gray; and any other colour of the cement is obtained, either by choosing coloured sand, or by the admixture of the necessary quantity of coloured talc in powder, or of coloured, vitreous, or metallic, powders, or other durable colouring ingredients, commonly used in paint.

This water-cement, whether the coarse or fine-grained, is applicable in forming artificial stone, by making alternate layers of the cement and of flint, hard stone, or bricks, in moulds of the figure of the intended stone, and by exposing the masses so formed to the open air, to harden.

When such cement is required for water fences, two-thirds of the prescribed quantity of bone-ashes are to be omitted; and, in the place thereof, an equal measure of powdered terras is to be used; and, if the sand employed be not of the coarsest sort, more terras must be added, so that the terras shall be one-sixth part of the weight of the sand.

When such a cement is required of the finest grain, or in a fluid form, so that it may be applied with a brush, flint-powder, or the powder of any quartose or hard earthy substance, may be used in the place of sand; but in a quantity smaller, in proportion as the flint or other powder is finer; so that the flint-powder, or other such powder, shall not be more than six times the weight of the lime, nor less than four times its weight. The greater the quantity of lime within these limits, the more will the cement be liable to crack by quick drying, and, *vice versâ*.

Where the above described sand cannot be conveniently procured, or where the sand cannot be conveniently washed and sorted, that sand which most resembles the mixture of coarse and fine sand above prescribed, may be used as directed, provided due attention be paid to the quantity of the lime, which is to be greater as the quality is finer, and, *vice versâ*.

Where sand cannot be easily procured, any durable stony body, or baked earth, grossly powdered, and sorted nearly to the sizes above prescribed for sand, may be used in the place of sand, measure for measure, but not weight for weight, unless such gross powder be specifically as heavy as sand.

Sand may be cleansed from every softer, lighter, and less durable, matter, and from that part of the sand which is too fine, by various methods preferable in certain circumstances, to that which has been already described.

Water may be found naturally free from fixable gas, selenite, or clay; such water may, without any great inconvenience, be used in the place of the lime-water; and water approaching this state will not require so much lime as above prescribed to make the lime-water; and a lime-water sufficiently useful may be made by various methods of mixing lime and water in the described proportions, or nearly so.

When stone-lime cannot be procured, chalk-lime, or shell-lime, which best resembles stone-lime, in the foregoing characters of lime, may be used in the manner described, excepting that fourteen pounds and a half of chalk-lime will be required in the place of fourteen pounds of stone-lime. The proportion of lime, as prescribed above, may be increased without inconvenience, when the cement of stucco is to be applied where it is not liable to dry quickly; and, in the contrary case, this proportion may be diminished. The defect of lime, in quantity or quality, may be very advantageously supplied, by causing a considerable quantity of lime-water to soak into the work, in successive portions, and at distant intervals of time; so that the calcareous matter of the lime-water, and the matter attracted from the open air, may fill and strengthen the work.

The powder of almost every well-dried or burnt animal substance may be used instead of bone-ash; and several earthy powders, especially the micaceous and the metallic; and the elixated ashes of divers vegetables, whose earth will not burn to lime, as well as the ashes of mineral fuel, which are of the calcareous kind, but will not burn to lime, will answer the ends of bone-ash in some degree.

The quantity of bone-ash described may be lessened without injuring the cement; in those circumstances especially which admit the quantity of lime to be lessened, and in those wherein the cement is not liable to dry quickly. The art of remedying the defects of lime may be advantageously practised to supply the deficiency of bone-ash, especially in building, and in making artificial stone with this cement.

As the preceding method of making mortar differs, in many particulars, from the common process, it may be useful to enquire into the causes on which this difference is founded.

When the sand contains much clay, the workmen find that the best mortar they can make must contain about one-half lime; and hence they lay it down as certain, that the best mortar is made by the composition of half sand and half lime.

But with sand requiring so great a proportion of lime as this, it will be impossible to make good cement; for it is universally allowed that the hardness of mortar depends on the crystallization of the lime round the other materials which are mixed with it; and thus uniting the whole mass into one solid substance. But, if a portion of the materials used be clay, or any other friable substance, it must be evident that, as these friable substances are not changed in one single particular, by the process of being mixed up with lime and water, the mortar, of which they form a proportion, will consequently be, more or less, of a friable nature, in proportion to the quantity of friable substances used in the composition of the mortar. On the other hand, if mortar be composed of lime and good sand only, as the sand is a stony substance, and not in the least friable, and as the lime, by perfect crystallization, becomes likewise of a stony nature, it must follow, that a mass of mortar, composed of these two stony substances, will itself be a hard, solid, unfriable, substance. This may account for one of the essential variations in the preceding method from that in common use, and point out the necessity of never using, in the place of sand, which is a durable stony body, the scrapings of roads, old mortar, and other rubbish, from antient

buildings, which are frequently made use of, as all of them consist, more or less, of muddy, soft, and minutely divided particles.

Another essential point is the nature and quality of the lime. Now, experience proves that, when lime has been long kept in heaps, or untight casks, it is reduced to the state of chalk, and becomes every day less capable of being made into good mortar; because, as the goodness or durability of the mortar depends on the crystallization of the lime, and, as experiments have proved, that lime, when reduced to this chalk-like state, is always incapable of perfect crystallization, it must follow that, as lime in this state never becomes crystallized, the mortar of which it forms the most indispensable part, will necessarily be very imperfect; that is to say, it will never become a solid stony substance; a circumstance absolutely required in the formation of good durable mortar. These are the two principal ingredients in the formation of mortar; but, as water is also necessary, it may be useful to point out that which is the fittest for this purpose; the best is rain-water, river-water the second, land-water next, and spring-water last.

The ruins of the antient Roman buildings are found to cohere so strongly, as to have caused an opinion that their constructors were acquainted with some kind of mortar, which, in comparison with ours, might justly be called *cement*; and that, to our want of knowledge of the materials they used, is owing the great inferiority of modern buildings in their durability. But a proper attention to the above particulars would soon show that the durability of the antient edifices depended on the manner of preparing their mortar more than on the nature of the materials used. The following observations will, we think, prove this beyond a possibility of doubt:

Lime, which has been slaked and mixed with sand, becomes hard and consistent when dry, by a process similar to that which produces natural *stalactites* in caverns. These are always formed by water dropping from the roof. By some unknown and inexplicable process of nature, this water has had dissolved in it a small portion of calcareous matter, in a caustic state. So long as the water continues covered from the air, it keeps the earth dissolved

in it; it being the natural property of calcareous earths, when deprived of their fixed air, to dissolve in water. But, when the small drop of water comes to be exposed to the air, the calcareous matter contained in it begins to attract the fixable part of the atmosphere. In proportion as it does so, it also begins to separate from the water, and to re-assume its native form of lime-stone or marble. When the calcareous matter is perfectly crystallized in this manner, it is to all intents and purposes lime-stone or marble of the same consistence as before. If lime, in a caustic state, is mixed with water, part of the lime will be dissolved, and will also begin to crystallize. The water which parted with the crystallized lime will then begin to act upon the remainder, which it could not dissolve before; and thus the process will continue, either till the lime be all reduced to an *effete*, or crystalline state, or something hinders the action of the water upon it. It is this crystallization which is observed by the workmen when a heap of lime is mixed with water, and left for some time to macerate. A hard crust is formed upon the surface, which is ignorantly called *frostling*, though it takes place in summer as well as in winter. If, therefore, the hardness of the lime, or its becoming a cement, depends entirely on the formation of its crystals, it is evident that the perfection of the cement must depend on the perfection of the crystals, and the hardness of the matters which are entangled among them. The additional substances used in making of mortar, such as sand, brick-dust, or the like, serve only for a purpose similar to what is answered by sticks put into a vessel full of any saline solution; namely, to afford the crystals an opportunity of fastening themselves upon it. If, therefore, the matter interposed between the crystals of the lime is of a friable brittle nature, such as brick-dust or chalk, the mortar will be of a weak and imperfect kind; but when the particles are hard, angular, and very difficult to be broken, such as those of river or pit-sand, the mortar turns out exceedingly good and strong. That the crystallization may be the more perfect, a large quantity of water should be used, the ingredients be perfectly mixed together, and the drying be as slow as possible. An attention to these particulars would make the buildings of the moderns equally durable with those of the antients. In the

old Roman works, the great thickness of the walls necessarily required a vast length of time to dry. The middle of them was composed of pebbles thrown in at random, and which, evidently, had thin mortar poured in among them. Thus a great quantity of the lime would be dissolved, and the crystallization performed in the most perfect manner. The indefatigable pains and perseverance, for which the Romans were so remarkable in all their undertakings, leave no room to doubt that they would take care to have the ingredients mixed together as well as possible. The consequence of all this is, that the buildings formed in this manner are all as firm as if cut out of a solid rock; the mortar being equally hard, if not more so, than the stones themselves.

CENTRES.—The frame of timber-work for supporting arches during their erection.

COFFER-DAM, or BATTARDEAU.—A case of piling, without a bottom, constructed for inclosing and building the piers of a bridge. A coffer-dam may be either single or double, the space between being filled with clay or chalk, closely rammed.

DRAG.—A thin plate of steel indented on the edge, like the teeth of a saw, and used in working soft stone, which has no grit, for finishing the surface.

DRIFT.—The horizontal force of an arch, by which it tends to upset the piers.

EXTRADOS of an Arch.—The exterior or convex curve, or the top of the arch-stones. This term is opposed to the *Intrados*, or concave side.

EXTRADOS of a Bridge.—The curve of the road-way.

FENCE-WALL.—A wall used to prevent the encroachment of men or animals.

FOOTINGS.—Projecting courses of stone, without the naked superincumbent part, and which are laid in order to rest the wall firmly on its base.

HAMMER.—See *Tools*.

HEADERS.—Stones disposed with their length horizontally, in the thickness of the wall.

JETTEE.—The border made around the stilts under a pier.

IMPOST or SPRINGING.—The upper part or parts of a wall employed for springing an arch.

INTRADOS.—See *Extrados*.

JOGGLED JOINTS.—The method of indenting the stones, so as to prevent the one from being pushed away from the other by lateral force.

KEY-STONES.—A term frequently used for *bond-stones*.

KEY-STONE.—The middle voussoir of an arch, over the centre.

KEY-STONE of an Arch.—The stone at the summit of the arch, put in last for wedging and closing the arch.

LEVEL.—Horizontal, or parallel to the horizon.

MALLET.—See *Tools*.

MORTAR.—See *Cement*.

NAKED, of a Wall.—The vertical or battering surface, whence all projections arise.

OFF-SET.—The upper surface of a lower part of a wall, left by reducing the thickness of the superincumbent part upon one side or the other, or both.

POINT.—See *Tools*.

PARAPETS.—The breast-walls erected on the sides of the extrados of the bridge, for preventing passengers from falling over.

PAVING.—A floor, or surface of stone, for walking upon.

PIERS in Houses.—The walls between apertures, or between an aperture and the corner.

PIERS of a Bridge.—The insulated parts between the apertures or arches, for supporting the arches and road-way.

PILES.—Timbers driven into the bed of a river, or the foundation of a building for supporting a structure.

PITCH of an Arch.—The height from the springing to the summit of the arch.

PUSH of an Arch.—The same as *Drift*; which see.

QUARRY.—The place whence stones are raised.

RANDOM COURSES, in Paving.—Unequal courses, without any regard to equi-distant joints.

SAW.—See *Tools*.

SHOOT of an Arch.—The same as *Drift*; which see.

SPAN.—The span of an arch is its greatest horizontal width.

STERLINGS.—A case made about a pier of stilts in order to secure it. See the following article.

STILTS.—A set of piles driven into the bed of a river, at small distances, with a surrounding case of piling driven closely together, and the interstices filled with stones, in order to form a foundation for building the pier upon.

STRAIGHT-EDGE.—See *Tools*.

STRETCHERS.—Those stones, which have their length disposed horizontally in the length of the wall.

THROUGH STONES.—A term employed, in some countries, for bond-stones.

THRUST.—The same as *Drift*; which see.

TOOLS used by *Masons*.—The masons' *Level*, *Plumb-Rule*, *Square*, *Bevel*, *Trowel*, *Hod*, and *Compasses*, are similar in every respect to those tools which bear the same name among bricklayers; and which are described hereafter. Those tools, which differ from such as are used by the bricklayer, are as follow:—

The *Saw* used by masons is without teeth, and stretched in a frame nearly resembling the joiner's saw-frame. It is made from four to six feet, or more, in length, according to the size of the slabs, which are intended to be cut by it. To facilitate the process of cutting slabs into slips and scantlings, a portion of sharp silicious sand is placed upon an inclined plane, with a small barrel of water at the top, furnished with a spiggot, which is left sufficiently loose to allow the water to exude drop by drop; and thus, by running over the sand, carries with it a portion of sand into the kerf of the stone. The workman sits at one side of the stone, and draws the saw to and fro, horizontally, taking a range of about twelve inches each time before he returns. By this means, calcareous stones of the hardest kinds may be cut into slabs of any thickness, with scarcely any loss of substance. But, as this method of sawing stone is slow and expensive, mills have been erected in various parts of Great Britain, by which the same process is performed at a

much cheaper rate, and in some of these mills every species of moulding upon stone is produced.

Masons make use of many *chisels*, of different sizes, but all resembling, or nearly resembling, each other in form. They are usually made of iron and steel welded together; but, when made entirely of steel, which is more elastic than iron, they will naturally produce a greater effect with any given impulse. The form of masons' chisels is that of a wedge, the cutting-edge being the vertical angle. They are made about eight or nine inches long. When the cutting-edge is broader than the portion held in the hand, the lower part is expanded in the form of a dove-tail. When the cutting-edge is smaller than the handle, the lower end is sloped down in the form of a pyramid. In finishing off stone, smooth and neat, great care should be taken that the arris is not splintered, which would certainly occur, if the edge of the chisel were directed outwards in making the blow: but, if it be directed inwards, so as to overhang a little, and form an angle of about forty-five degrees, there is little danger of splintering the arris in chipping.

Of the two kinds of chisels, which are the most frequently made use of, *the tool* is the largest; that is to say, in the breadth of its cutting-edge; it is used for working the surface of stone into narrow furrows, or channels, at regular distances; this operation is called *tooling*, and the surface is said to be *tooled*.

The *Point* is the smallest kind of chisel used by masons, being never more than a quarter of an inch broad on its cutting-edge. It is used for reducing the irregularity of the surface of any rough stone.

The *Straight-Edge* is similar to the instrument among carpenters of the same name; it being a thin board, planed true, to point out cross-windings and other inequalities of surface, and thus direct the workmen in the use of the chisel.

The *Mallet* used by the mason differs from that of any other artisan. It is similar to a bell in contour, excepting a portion of the broadest part, which is rather cylindrical. The handle is rather short, being only just long enough to be firmly grasped in the hand. It is employed for giving percus-

sive force to chisels, by striking them with any part of the cylindrical surface of the mallet.

The Hammer used by masons is generally furnished with a point or an edge like a chisel. Both kinds are used for dividing stones, and likewise for producing those narrow marks or furrows left upon hewn-stone work which is not ground on the face.

VAULT.—A mass of stones so combined as to support each other over a hollow.

UNDER BED of a Stone.—The lower surface, generally placed horizontally.

UPPER BED of a Stone.—The upper surface, generally placed horizontally.

VOUSSOIRS.—The arch-stones in the face or faces of an arch; the middle one is called the *key-stone*.

WALL.—An erection of stone, generally perpendicular to the horizon; but sometimes *battering*, in order to give stability.

WALLS, Emplection.—Those which are built in regular courses, with the stones smoothed in the face of the work. They are of two kinds, Roman and Grecian, as already noticed. The difference is, that the core of the Roman emplection is rubble; whereas in the Grecian emplection, it is built in the same manner as the face, and every alternate stone goes through the entire thickness of the wall. *See pages 306, 307.*

Walls, Isodomum; those wherein the courses are of equal thickness, compact, and regularly built; but the stones are not smoothed on the face.

Walls, Pseudo-Isodomum; those which have unequal courses. *See page 306.*

CHAPTER VIII.

BRICKLAYING :

INCLUDING AN ABSTRACT OF THE BUILDING ACT, 14th Geo. III. c. 78.

BRICKLAYING is the art of Building with Bricks, or of uniting them, by cement or mortar, into various forms for particular purposes.

The BRICKS of the antients were of various forms and sizes, and their triangular bricks were peculiarly adapted to certain figures, but modern bricks, of English make, are commonly of one form, 9 inches long, by $4\frac{1}{2}$ broad, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ deep.

Bricks are made of a species of clay or loamy earth, either pure or with various mixtures; they are shaped in a mould, and, after some drying in the sun or air, are burnt to a hardness. The more pure the earth of which it is formed, the harder and firmer the brick will be. The bricks generally known to our modern builders are of several sorts: that is to say, *Marls*, of two qualities, *Gray-Stocks*, and *Place-Bricks*, besides two or three foreign kinds, occasionally imported. Bricks vary in quality, according to the quality of the material of which they are composed, the manner in which the clay is tempered, and the diffusion of the heat while burning.

The finest kind of Marls, called *Firsts*, are those usually selected for arches over doors and windows: those less fine, called *Seconds*, are commonly used for the fronts of buildings. The Gray-Stocks are of the next quality, and are generally of good earth, well-wrought, with little mixture, sound, and durable. Place-Bricks are too frequently poor and brittle, badly

burnt, and of very irregular colour. *Burrs* or *Clinkers* are such as are so much overburnt as to vitrify, and run two or three together.

Red Stocks and the *Red Bricks*, called also, from their use, *Cutting Bricks*, owe their colour to the nature of the clay of which they are made; this is always used tolerably pure, and the bricks of the better kind are called by some *Clay Bricks*, because they are supposed to be made of nothing else.

The Gray Stocks, being made of a good earth, well wrought, are commonly used in front in building: the Place Bricks being made of clay, with a mixture of dirt and other coarse materials, and more carelessly put out of hand, are therefore weaker and more brittle, and are introduced where they cannot be seen, and where little stress is laid upon them: the Red Bricks, of both kinds are made of a particular earth, well wrought, and little injured by mixtures; and they are used in fine work, in ornaments over windows, and in paving. These are frequently cut or ground down to a perfect evenness, and sometimes set in putty instead of mortar; and thus set they make a very beautiful appearance.

These are the kinds of bricks commonly used by us in building, and their difference is owing to variety in the materials. The Place Bricks and Gray Stocks are made in the neighbourhood of London, wherever there is a brick-work; the two kinds of red brick, depending upon a particular kind of earth, can be made only where that is to be had; they are furnished from several places within fifteen or twenty miles of London.

We have already observed, that there are two or three other kinds of brick to be named, which are imported from other countries; and there is also one of the red or cutting brick sort, that is of our own manufacture, and for its excellence deserves to be particularly mentioned; this is the Hedgerly Brick: it is made at a village of that name, of the famous earth called Hedgerly loam, well-known to the glass-makers and chymists. The loam is of a yellow-reddish colour, and very harsh to the touch, containing a great quantity of sand; its particular excellence is, that it will bear the greatest violence of fire without injury: the chymists coat and lute their furnaces with this, and the ovens at glass-houses are also repaired or lined with it,

where it stands all the fury of their heat without damage. It is brought into London for this purpose, under the name of Windsor loam, the village being near Windsor, and is sold at a high price. The bricks made of this are of the finest red that can be imagined. They are called *Fire-Bricks*, because of their enduring the fire; and are used about furnaces and ovens in the same way as the earth.

The foreign bricks above mentioned are the *Dutch* and *Flemish Bricks* and *Clinkers*: these are all nearly of a kind, and are often confounded together; they are very hard, and of a dirty brimstone colour; some of them not much unlike our Gray Stocks, others yellower. The Dutch are generally the best baked, and Flemish the yellowest. As to the Clinkers, they are the most baked of all, and are generally warped by the heat. These bricks are used for peculiar purposes; the Dutch and Flemish for paving yards, stables, and the like; and the clinkers for ovens.

The fine red cutting English Bricks are twice, or more than twice, the price of the best Gray Stocks; the Red Stocks half as dear again as the gray; and the Place Bricks, as they are much worse, so they are much cheaper, than any of the others.

The Gray Stocks and Place Bricks are employed in the better and worse kinds of plain work; the red stocks, as well as the gray, are used sometimes in this business, and sometimes for arches, and other more ornamental pieces: the fine red cutting bricks are used for ruled and gauged work, and sometimes for paving; but the red stones are more frequently employed when a red kind is required for this purpose.

The Red Cutting Brick, or fine red, is the finest of all bricks. In some places they are not at all acquainted with this; in others, they confound it with the red stock, and use that for it; though, where the fine red brick is to be had pure and perfectly made, the difference is five to three in the sale price between that and the red stock.

The Red and Gray Stock are frequently put in gauged arches, and one as well as the other set in putty instead of mortar: this is an expensive work,

but it answers in beauty for the regularity of the disposition and fineness of the joints, and has a very pleasing effect.

The fine Red Brick is used in arches ruled and set in putty in the same manner; and, as it is much more beautiful, is somewhat more costly. This kind is also the most beautiful of all in cornices, ruled in the same manner, and set in putty.

The Gray Stocks of an inferior kind are also used in brick walls.

The Place Bricks are used in paving dry, or laid in mortar, and they are put down flat or edgewise. If they are laid flat, thirty-two of them pave a square yard; but, if they are placed edgewise, it takes twice that number: in the front work of walls the Place Bricks should never be admitted, even in the meanest building. That consideration, therefore, only takes place in the other kinds: and the fine Cutting Bricks come so very dear this way, that few people will be brought to think of them; so that it lies, in a great measure, between the Gray Stocks and Red Stocks. Of these the gray are most used; and this not only because they are cheaper, but, in most cases where judgement is preferred to fancy, they will have the preference.

We see many very beautiful pieces of workmanship in Red Brick; but this should not tempt the judicious architect to admit them into the front walls of buildings. In the first place, the colour itself is fiery and disagreeable to the eye; and, in summer, it has an appearance of heat that is very disagreeable; for this reason it is most improper in the country, though the oftenest used there, from the difficulty of getting gray. But a farther consideration is, that, in the fronts of most important buildings, there is more or less stone-work; now, as there should be as much conformity as can be attained between the general nakedness of the wall and those several ornaments which project from it; the nearer they are of a colour, the better they always range together; and if we cast our eyes upon two houses, the one of red, and the other of gray brick, where there is a little stone-work, we shall not be a moment in doubt which to prefer. There is something harsh in the transition from the red brick to stone, and it seems altogether unnatural;

in the other, the Gray Stocks come so near the colour of stone, that the change is less violent, and they sort better together. Hence, also, the Gray Stocks are to be considered as best coloured when they have least of the yellow cast; for the nearer they come to the colour of stone, when they are to be used together with it, it is certainly the better. Where there is no stone-work, there generally is wood; and this, being painted white, as is commonly the practice, has yet a greater effect with red brick than the stone-work: the transition is more sudden in this than in the other; but, on the other hand, in the mixture of gray bricks and white paint, the colour of the brick being soft, there is no violent change.

The Gray Stocks are now made, of prime quality, in the neighbourhood of London. The late Duke of Norfolk had the bricks brought from his estate, in that county, for building the front of his house, in St. James's-square; but the event shews that his Grace might have been better supplied near at hand, as to colour, with equal hardness.

The greatest advantage that a Gray Stock, which is the standard brick, can have, is in its sound body and pale colour; the nearer it comes to stone the better; so that the principal thing the brick-maker ought to have in view, for the improvement of his profession, is the seeking for earth that will burn pale, and that will have a good body, and to see it has sufficient working. The judicious builder will always examine his bricks in this light, and be ready to pay that price which is merited by the goodness of the commodity.

The utility and common practice of building all our edifices of brick, both in London and the country, arises from motives too obvious to need a definition; since it is generally considered to be much the cheapest, as well as the most eligible substance that can be invented for the purpose, both in point of beauty and duration, and inferior to nothing but wrought stone.

BRICKS ARE LAID in a varied, but regular, form of connection, or *Bond*, as exhibited in *Plate LXXXV*. The mode of laying them for a 9-inch walling, shown in *figure 1*, being denominated *English Bond*; and *figure 2*, *Flemish Bond*. *Figure 3* is English Bond, in a brick and a half, or 14-inch walling;

and *figure 4*, Flemish Bond, in the same. *Figure 5* represents another method of disposing Flemish Bond in a 14-inch wall. *Figure 6*, English Bond, in an 18-inch, or two brick thick, wall; and *figure 7*, English Bond, in a two and half brick thick wall.

Figures 8, 9, 10, 11, represent square courses, in pairs, of Flemish Bond. In each pair, if one be the lower course, the other will be the upper course:

The Bricks, having their lengths in the thickness of the wall, are termed *Headers*, and those which have their lengths in the length of the wall are *Stretchers*. By a *Course*, in walling, is meant the bricks contained between two planes parallel to the horizon, and terminated by the faces of the wall. The thickness is that of one brick with mortar. The mass formed by bricks laid in concentric order, for arches or vaults, is also denominated a *Course*.

The disposition of bricks in a wall, of which every alternate course consists of *headers*, and of which every course between every two nearest courses of headers consist of *stretchers*, constitutes *English Bond*.

The disposition of bricks in a wall, (except at the quoins,) of which every alternate brick in the same course is a *header*, and of which every brick between every two nearest headers is a *stretcher*, constitutes *Flemish Bond*.

It is, therefore, to be understood that *English Bond* is a continuation of one kind throughout, in the same course or horizontal layer, and consists of alternate layers of headers and stretchers, as shown in the plate; the headers serving to bind the wall together, in a longitudinal direction, or lengthwise, and the stretchers to prevent the wall splitting crosswise, or in a transverse direction. Of these evils the first is of the worst kind, and therefore the most to be feared.

A respectable writer on this subject has said, that the old English mode of brick-work affords the best security against such accidents; as work of this kind, wheresoever it is so much undermined as to cause a fracture, is not subject to such accidents, but separates, if at all, by breaking through the solid brick, just as if the wall were composed of one piece.

The antient brick-work of the Romans was of this kind of bond, but the existing specimens of it are very thick, and have three, or sometimes more,

courses of brick, laid at certain intervals of the height, stretchers on stretchers, and headers on headers, opposite the return wall, and sometimes at certain distances in the length, forming piers, that bind the wall together in a transverse direction; the intervals between these piers were filled up, and formed panels of rubble or reticulated work;* consequently great substance, with strength, were economically obtained.

It will, also, be understood that *Flemish Bond* consists in placing, in the same course, alternate headers and stretchers, a disposition considered as decidedly inferior in every thing but appearance, and even in this the difference is trifling; yet, to obtain it, strength is sacrificed, and bricks of two qualities are fabricated for the purpose; a firm brick often rubbed and laid in what the workmen term a putty-joint for the exterior, and an inferior brick for the interior, substance of the wall; but, as these did not correspond in thickness, the exterior and interior surface of the wall would not be otherwise connected together than by an outside heading brick, here and there continued of its whole length; but, as the work does not admit of this at all times, from the want of agreement in the exterior and interior courses, these headers can be introduced only where such a correspondence takes place, which, sometimes, may not occur for a considerable space.

Walls of this kind consist of two faces of four-inch work, with very little to connect them together, and what is still worse the interior face often consists of bad brick, little better than rubbish. The practice of *Flemish Bond* has, notwithstanding, continued from the time of William and Mary, when it was introduced, with many other Dutch fashions, and our workmen are so infatuated with it, that there is now scarcely an instance of the old English *Bond* to be seen.

The frequent splitting of walls into two thicknesses has been attributed to the *Flemish Bond* alone, and various methods have been adopted for its prevention. Some have laid laths or slips of hoop-iron, occasionally, in the horizontal joints between the two courses; others have laid diagonal courses of bricks at certain heights from each other; but the effect of the last me-

* See *Masonry*, pages 306 and 307.

thod is questionable, as, in the diagonal course, by their not being continued to the outside, the bricks are much broken where the strength is required.

Other methods of uniting complete Bond with Flemish facings have been described, but they have been found equally unsuccessful. In *figures 2 and 4, (Plate LXXXV,)* the interior bricks are represented as disposed with intention to unite these two particulars; the Flemish facings being on one side of the wall only; but this, at least, falls short of the strength obtained by English Bond. Another evil attending this disposition of the bricks is, the difficulty of its execution, as the adjustment of the bricks in one course must depend on the course beneath, which must be seen or recollected by the workman; the first is difficult from the joints of the under-course being covered with mortar, to bed the bricks of the succeeding course; and, for the workman to carry in his mind the arrangement of the preceding course can hardly be expected from him; yet, unless it be attended to, the joints will be frequently brought to correspond, dividing the wall into several thicknesses, and rendering it subject to splitting, or separation. But, in the English Bond, the outside of the last course points out how the next is to be laid, so that the workman cannot mistake.

The outer appearance is all that can be urged in favour of Flemish Bond, and many are of opinion that, were the English mode executed with the same attention and neatness that is bestowed on the Flemish, it would be considered as equally handsome; and its adoption, in preference, has been strenuously recommended.

In forming English Bond, the following rules are to be observed:

1st, Each course is to be formed of headers and stretchers alternately.

2d, Every brick in the same course must be laid in the same direction: but, in no instance, is a brick to be placed with its whole length along the side of another; but to be so situated that the end of one may reach to the middle of the others which lie contiguous to it, excepting the outside of the stretching-course, where three-quarter bricks necessarily occur at the ends, to prevent a continued upright joint in the face-work.

3d, A wall, which crosses at a right-angle with another, will have all the bricks of the same level course in the same parallel direction, which completely bonds the angles, as shown by *figures 1, 3, and 6*.

The GREAT PRINCIPLE in the PRACTICE of BRICK-WORK lies in the proclivity or certain motion of absolute gravity, caused by a quantity or multiplicity of substance being added or fixed in resistible matter, and which, therefore, naturally tends downwards, according to the weight and power impressed. In bricklaying, this proclivity, chiefly by the yielding mixture of the matter of which mortar is composed, and cannot be exactly calculated, because the weight of a brick, or any other substance, laid in mortar, will naturally decline according to its substance or quality; particular care should, therefore, be taken, that the material be of one regular and equal quality all through the building; and, likewise, that the same force should be used to one brick as another; that is to say, the stroke of the trowel: a thing or point in practice of much more consequence than is generally imagined; for, if a brick be actuated by a blow, this will be a much greater pressure upon it than the weight of twenty bricks. It is, also, especially to be remarked, that the many bad effects arising from mortar not being of a proper quality should make masters very cautious in the preparation of it, as well as the certain quantity of materials of which it is composed, so that the whole structure may be of equal density, as nearly as can be effected.

Here we may notice a particular which often causes a bulging in large flank walls, especially when they are not properly set off on both sides; that is, the irregular method of laying bricks too high on the front edge: this, and building the walls too high on one side, without continuing the other, often causes the defects. Notwithstanding, of the two evils, this is the least; and bricks should incline rather to the middle of the wall, that one-half of the wall may act as a shore to the other. But even this method, carried too far, will be more injurious than beneficial, because the full width of the wall, in this case, does not take its absolute weight, and the gravity is removed from its first line of direction, which, in all walls, should be perpendicular and united; and it is farther to be considered that, as the walls will have a superincumbent

weight to bear, adequate to their full strength, a disjunctive digression is made from the right line of direction; the conjunctive strength becomes divided; and, instead of a whole or united support from the wall, its strength is separated in the middle, and takes two lateral bearings of gravity; each insufficient for the purpose; therefore, like a man overloaded either upon his head or shoulders, naturally bends and stoops to the force impressed; in which mutable state the grievances above noticed usually occur.

Another great defect is frequently seen in the fronts of houses, in some of the principal ornaments of Brick-work, as, arches over windows, &c., and which is too often caused by a want of experience in rubbing the bricks; which is the most difficult part of the branch, and ought to be very well considered: the faults alluded to, are the bulging or convexity in which the faces of arches are often found, after the houses are finished, and sometimes loose in the key or centre bond. The first of these defects, which appears to be caused by too much weight, is, in reality, no more than a fault in the practice of rubbing the bricks too much off on the insides; for it should be a standing maxim (if you expect them to appear straight under their proper weight) to make them the exact gauge on the inside, that they bear upon the front edges; by which means their geometrical bearings are united, and all tend to one centre of gravity.

The latter observation, of camber arches not being skewed enough, is an egregious fault; because it takes greatly from the beauty of the arch, as well as its significancy. The proper method of skewing all camber arches should be one-third of their height. For instance, if an arch is nine inches high, it should skew three inches; one of twelve inches, four; one of fifteen inches, five; and so of all the numbers between those. Observe, in dividing the arch, that the quantity consists of an odd number: by so doing, you will have proper bond; and the key-bond in the middle of the arches; in which state it must always be, both for strength and beauty. Likewise observe, that arches are all drawn from one centre; the real point of camber arches is got from the above proportion. First, divide the height of the arch in three parts; one is the dimensions for the skewing; a line drawn from that through

the point at the bottom to the perpendicular of the middle arch, gives the centre: to which all the rest must be drawn.

Of FOUNDATIONS.—Rules to be observed in laying Foundations.

If a projected building is to have cellars, or under-ground kitchens, there will commonly be found a sufficient bottom, without any extra process, for a good solid foundation. When this is not the case, the remedies are to dig deeper, or to drive in large stones with the rammer, or by laying in thick pieces of oak, crossing the direction of the wall, and planks of the same timber, wider than the intended wall, and running in the same direction with it. The last are to be spiked firmly to the cross-pieces, to prevent their sliding, the ground having been previously well rammed under them.

The mode of ascertaining if the ground be solid is by the rammer; if, by striking the ground with this tool, it shake, it must be pierced with a borer, such as is used by well-diggers; and, having found how deep the firm ground is below the surface, you must proceed to remove the loose or soft part, taking care to leave it in the form of steps, if it be tapering, that the stones may have a solid bearing, and not be subject to slide, which would be likely to happen if the ground were dug in the form of an inclined plane.

If the ground prove variable, and be hard and soft at different places, the best way is to turn arches from one hard spot to another. Inverted arches have been used for this purpose with great success, by bringing up the piers, which carry the principal weight of the building, to the intended height and thickness, and then turning reversed arches from one pier to another, as shown in *figure 18, (Plate LXXXV.)* In this case, it is clear that the piers cannot sink without carrying the arches, and consequently the ground on which they lie, with them. This practice is excellent in such cases, and should, therefore, be general, wherever required.

Where the hard ground is to be found under apertures only, build your piers on these places, and turn arches from one to the other. In the construction of the arches, some attention must be paid to the breadth of the insisting pier, whether it will cover the arch or not; for, suppose the middle

of the piers to rest over the middle of the summit of the arches, then the narrower the piers, the more curvature the supporting arch ought to have at the apex. When arches of suspension are used, the intrados ought to be clear, so that the arch may have the full effect: but, as already noticed, it will also be requisite here that the ground on which the piers are erected be uniformly hard; for it is better that it should be uniform, though not so hard as might be wished, than to have it unequally so: because, in the first case, the piers would descend uniformly, and the building remain uninjured; but, in the second, a vertical fracture would take place, and endanger the whole structure.

WALLS, &c.—The foundation being properly prepared, the choice of materials is to be considered. In places much exposed to the weather, the hardest and best bricks must be used, and the softer reserved for in-door work, or for situations less exposed. In slaking lime, use as much water only as will reduce it to a powder, and only about a bushel of lime at a time, covering it over with sand, in order to prevent the gas, or virtue of the lime, from escaping. This is a better mode than slaking the whole at one time, there being less surface exposed to the air.

Before the mortar is used, it should be beaten three or four times over, so as to incorporate the lime and sand, and to reduce all knobs or knots of lime that may have passed the sieve. This very much improves the smoothness of the lime, and, by driving air into its pores, will make the mortar stronger: as little water is to be used in this process as possible. Whenever mortar is suffered to stand any time before used, it should be beaten again, so as to give it tenacity, and prevent labour to the bricklayer. In dry hot summer-weather use your mortar soft; in winter, rather stiff.

If laying bricks in dry weather, and the work is required to be firm, wet your bricks by dipping them in water, or by causing water to be thrown over them before they are used, and your mortar should be prepared in the best way. Few workmen are sufficiently aware of the advantage of wetting bricks before they are used; but experience has shown that works in which this practice has been followed have been much stronger than others wherein

it has been neglected. It is particularly serviceable where work is carried up thin, and in putting in grates, furnaces, &c.

In the winter season, so soon as frosty and stormy weather set in, cover your wall with straw or boards; the first is best, if well secured; as it protects the top of the wall, in some measure, from frost, which is very prejudicial, particularly when it succeeds much rain; for the rain penetrates to the heart of the wall, and the frost, by converting the water into ice, expands it, and causes the mortar to assume a short and crumbly nature, and altogether destroys its tenacity.

In working up a wall, it is proper not to work more than four or five feet at a time; for, as all walls shrink immediately after building, the part which is first brought up will remain stationary; and, when the adjoining part is raised to the same height, a shrinking or settling will take place, and separate the former from the latter, causing a crack which will become more and more evident, as the work proceeds. In carrying up any particular part, each side should be sloped off, to receive the bond of the adjoining work on the right and left. Nothing but absolute necessity can justify carrying the work higher, in any particular part, than one scaffold; for, wherever it is so done, the workman should be answerable for all the evil that may arise from it.

The distinctions of *Bond* have already been shown, and we shall now detail them more particularly; again referring to *Plate LXXXV*, in which the arrangement of bricks, in depths of different thicknesses, so to form *English Bond*, is shown in *figures 1, 3, 6, and 7*.

The bond of a wall of nine inches is represented by *fig. 1*. In order to prevent two upright or vertical joints from running over each other, at the end of the first stretcher from the corner, place the return corner-stretcher, which is a header, in the face that the stretcher is in below, and occupies half its length; a quarter-brick is placed on its side, forming together $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and leave a lap of $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches for the next header, which lies with its middle upon the middle of the header below, and forms a continuation of the bond. The three-quarter brick, or brick-bat, is called a *closer*.

Another way of effecting this is, by laying a three-quarter bat at the corner of the stretching course; for, when the corner-header comes to be laid over it, a lap of $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches will be left at the end of the stretchers below for the next header; which, when laid, its middle will come over the joint below the stretcher, and in this manner form the bond.

In a fourteen-inch or brick-and-half wall, (fig. 3,) the stretching course upon one side, is so laid that the middle of the breadth of the bricks, upon the opposite side, falls alternately upon the middle of the stretchers and upon the joints between the stretchers.

In a two-brick wall, (fig. 6,) every alternate header, in the heading course, is only half a brick thick on both sides, which breaks the joints in the core of the wall.

In a two-brick and a half wall, (fig. 7,) the bricks are laid as shown in figure 6.

Flemish Bond, for a nine-inch wall, is represented in *figure 2*, wherein two stretchers lie between two headers, the length of the headers and the breadth of the stretchers extending the whole thickness of the wall.

In brick-and-half Flemish bond, (fig. 4,) one side being laid as in figure 2, and the opposite side, with a half-header, opposite to the middle of the stretcher, and the middle of the stretcher opposite the middle of the end of the header.

Figure 5 exhibits another arrangement of *Flemish Bond*, wherein the bricks are disposed alike on both sides of the wall, the tail of the headers being placed contiguous to each other, so as to form square spaces in the core of the wall for half-bricks.

The *Face of an upright-wall*, *English Bond*, is represented by *figure 19*, and that of *Flemish Bond*, by *figure 20*.

BRICK-NOGGING is a mode of constructing a wall with a row of posts or quarters, disposed at three feet apart, with brick-work filling up the intervals. In this mode the wall is, generally, either of the thickness or breadth of a brick, and the wood-work flush on both sides with the faces of the bricks. Thin pieces of timber, laid horizontally from post to post, are so disposed

as to form the brick-work, between every two posts or quarters, into several compartments in the height of the story; each piece being inserted between two courses of brick, with its edges flush with the faces of the wall.

Figure 13 is that of the head of an aperture, with a part of each jamb, the arch being straight. The manner of drawing the joints are as follow: (see *figure 17*.)

Describe an equilateral triangle upon the width, AB, of the aperture; and, from the vertex, C, or opposite angular point, describe a small circle, with a radius equal to the thickness of a brick. Draw the upper line, DE, forming the extrados, at a distance equal to the height of four bricks from the intrados. Draw the skew-backs, AB, DE, one upon each side; and draw a line parallel to one of the skew-backs touching the small circle, and cutting the extrados line in F, and draw the line CF. Find the point G, in the same manner, and draw GC, and so on to the middle, when the operation will be complete.

By *figure 14*, is represented the head of an aperture with a part of each jamb, the head being an arch formed by two concentric arcs, less than a semi-circle. This kind of arch is called a *Scheme or Segment Arch*. *Figure 15* is a *semi-circular arch*. *Figure 16* is a *semi-elliptic arch*, struck from the two centres, A and B, and having the longer axis in a horizontal position.

GROINS.—In *figure 12* is represented the mode of constructing Groins rising from octagonal piers, and which are very convenient in cellars, where the removal of great weights are required. This is Mr. Tapper's improvement on the common four-sided groin. The improvement consists in raising the angle of the groin from an octagonal pier, instead of a square one, which gives more strength, and, from the corners being removed, renders it more commodious for turning any kind of goods around it: and it is farther to be observed that, in this construction, the angles of the groin are strengthened by carrying the band round the diagonals of equal breadth, and affording better bond to the bricks.

CONSTRUCTION OF BRICK GROINS.—The construction of groins and arches has already been shown in this work, under the head of *Carpentry*, pages

109 to 118. We shall, therefore, only add that the difficulty attending the execution of a brick groin lies in the peculiar mode of appropriating proper bond at the intersecting of the two circles, as they gradually rise to the crown to an exact point. In the meeting or intersecting of these angles, the inner-rib should be perfectly straight, and perpendicular to a diagonal line drawn upon the plan. But no definition, either by lines or description, can be given equal to what may be gained by a little practice. After the centres are set, let the bricklayer apply two or three bricks to an angle, by which he will effectually see how to cut them, as well as the requisites of bond.

The workman must observe, that the manner of turning groins with respect to the sides, is the same as in other arches and centres, except in the angles, which must be traced by applying the bricks. If the arch is to be rubbed and gauged, you must divide each arch into an exact number of parts, and extend the lines till they meet in the groin; by which means you will easily find the curve for the angle, from which you must make your templates; observe, in fixing the centres, that the carpenters raise them something higher at the crown, to allow for settling, which frequently happens, sometimes by the pressure upon the butments, otherwise from the length of the crown.

Be cautious, in building of vaults, that the piers or butments are of sufficient strength: all butments to vaults, whether groined, or only arched, should be one-sixth part of the width of the span; and moreover, if there is any great weight to be sustained, bridgings of timber should be framed, to discharge the weight from the crown of the arch; after a vault or groin is finished, it is highly necessary to pour on a mixture of terras, or lime and water, on the crown; and give it some little time to dry, before you strike the centres, in order to cement the whole together.

CORNICES.—Ornamental brick cornices are represented in *figures 21 and 22*. The first shows the rudiments of the Doric entablature, and the second is a *Dentil Cornice*. Many pleasing dispositions of bricks may thus be made, frequently without cutting, or by chamfering only.

OF A NICHE IN BRICK-WORK.

The formation of niches has already been described under *Carpentry*, pages 134 to 138. The practice of this in Brick-work is the most difficult part of the profession, on account of the very thin size the bricks are obliged to be reduced down to at the inner circle, as they cannot extend beyond the thickness of one brick at the crown or top; it being the usual, as well as much the neatest, method, to make all the courses standing.

The most familiar way to reduce this point to practice, is to draw the front, back, &c., and make a templet of pasteboard, after you have divided the arch for the number of bricks. Observe that, one templet for the standing courses will answer for the front, and one for the side of the brick; and at the top of the straight part, whence the niche takes its spring, remember to make a circle of the diameter of eight or nine inches, and cut this out of pasteboard also, and divide it into the same number of parts as the outward circle; from which you will get the width of your front-templet at the bottom. The reason of this inner circle is to cut off the thin conjunction of points that must all finish in the centre, and which in bricks could never be worked to that nicety; it being impossible to cut bricks correctly nearer than to half an inch thick; within the inner circle the bricks must be lying. It will be necessary to have one templet made convex, to try the faces of bricks to, as well as sitting of them, when they are gauged. The stone you rub the faces of the bricks upon, must be cut at one end in the exact form of the niche, or it will be impossible to face them properly. The level of the flat sides of the bricks is got by dividing the back into the number of parts with the front, and all struck to the centre; from the circle of the front of one brick, set your level, which will answer for the sides of the whole: take care that the bricks hold their full gauge at the back; or, when you come to set them, you will have much trouble. Works of this kind, as they require much skill and attention, should bear a handsome price.

CONSTRUCTION OF OVENS.

The oven, on the old principle, for the use of bakers, was usually of an oval shape ; the sides and bottom of brick, tiles, and lime, and arched over at top, with a door in front ; and at the upper part, an inclosed closet, with an iron grating, for the tins to stand on, called the *Proving Oven*. To heat such ovens, fagots are introduced and burnt to ashes, which are then removed, and the bottom cleaned out. This operation requires some time, during which much of the heat escapes. A still further length of time is required for putting in the bread, and unless much more fuel is expended than is really necessary, in heating an oven upon this principle, it gets chilled before the loaves are all set in, and they are, consequently, injured.

To remedy this inconvenience, many ovens have latterly been built upon a solid base of brick and lime, with a door of iron, furnished with a damper to carry off the steam as it rises, and heated with fossil coal. On one side is a fire-place or furnace, with grating, ash-hole, and iron door, similar to that under a copper, with a partition to separate it from the oven, and open at one end. Over this is a middling-sized copper, or boiler, with a cock at the bottom, and on one side of it is placed the proving oven ; the whole being faced with brick and plaster.

When this oven is required to be heated, the boiler is filled with water, and the fire being kindled, the flame spreads around the oven, in a circular direction, and renders it as hot as if heated with wood, without causing dirt or ill smell, while the smoke escapes through an aperture, which may pass into the kitchen chimney. When the coal is burnt to a cinder, there is no necessity for removing it, as it prevents the oven from cooling while the bread is setting in, and keeps up a regular heat till the door is closed. The advantages of an oven built upon this principle, are too obvious to require comment.

Plate LXXXVI exhibits, in detail, the improved plan of an oven, on the new construction. It has been communicated by Mr. Elsam, the Architect, under whose directions it has been constructed in various public buildings in different parts of the United Kingdom.

Figure 1 is the plan of the oven. The fire is put into the furnace, A, upon wrought iron bars, which are fixed an inch and a half below the level of the oven, to prevent the cinders from entering it. The outside of the furnace is inclosed with two cast-iron doors, (1, 2, in plan.) The ashes fall into the ash-pit beneath, B, (*fig. 2*), the door of which is marked 3, in the elevation, (*fig. 3*.)

While the coals are burning, the mouth of the oven is inclosed only by the curved cast-iron door, or blower, B, shown in the section of the oven, (*fig. 4*), and elevation, (*fig. 10*), and which is so shaped in order to make a proper passage for the smoke to the flue, C. This door, or blower, is not hung, but is put up and taken away by hand.

When the oven is sufficiently hot, a man, placed at the mouth of the oven, with the iron bar, E, (*fig. 5*), slides the cast-iron stopper, D, (*fig. 1* and 6,) to the angle, F, where it stops, as shown by the dotted lines; then going to the mouth of the furnace, he hooks the crooked part, G, of the same iron bar, (*fig. 5*), into the circular hole of the stopper, H, (*fig. 7*), and pulls the fillet, IIIII, (*fig. 8*), into the frame of the furnace, whereto it fits. This stopper is made to slide, but not in a groove, as the cinders might sometimes prevent its being shut.

Figure 8 represents an iron frame, to be fixed round the mouth of the furnace in the inside. The opening of the mouth to be one foot two inches wide, and one foot high, which receives the fillets of the stopper, III.

The door, K, (*fig. 4*), is fastened to an iron chain, and is raised or let down, at pleasure, by turning the lever, L, (*figures 4, 10*.) This door is used to diminish, as much as possible, the mouth of the oven, while the bread is putting in, and to prevent the heat from escaping. To the handle of the lever is hung an iron pin, with a chain, and over it is a semi-circular iron plate, fastened to the wall, with five holes drilled in it to receive the pin, which will regulate the height of the door, K, at pleasure.

When bread is baking, the curved door, B, not being then wanted, is taken away; and the two doors of the oven, with the two doors of the furnace, are shut up.

At the top of the furnace, M, (*fig. 4*.) is a small flue, about three inches square, which communicates with the flue of the oven. The use of this small flue is to leave a passage for the sulphur that may remain in the ashes, and might injure the bread while baking. The communication of this small flue of the oven is opened or shut by mean of an iron slider, N, (*fig. 10*.) Over the furnace is a niche (*fig. 3*.) with a boiler of hot water.

It has been noticed that, in ovens on this construction, whatever be the size of the fire-place, it is always proper to set the bars eight or ten inches in from the door, which will keep a supply of coals warming before they are pushed forward into the fire. The importance of this is known to those who have attended to the effect of every fresh supply of coals to the boilers of steam-engines, as it instantly stops the boiling, unless this precaution is attended to. It also prevents, in a great measure, the cold air getting in between the door and frame of the fire-place, which frequently happens, from the difficulty of fitting iron doors to iron frames.

Ovens, on the improved construction, will hold, according to their size, as follows:

Eight feet wide, and seven feet deep, eight bushels of bread.

Nine feet wide, and seven and a half feet deep, ten bushels.

Ten feet wide, and eight and a half feet deep, twelve bushels.

If required to hold less than eight bushels, or more than twelve, the proportions, of course, must vary accordingly.

The oven represented in the plate is eight feet wide and seven deep; and, therefore, as stated above, it is adapted for eight bushels of bread. The fire-hole, or furnace, (*fig. 1*.) enters the oven in a direction, diagonal with the farthest corner; the sides of the oven are carried nearly straight, and turned as sharp as possible at the haunch and shoulder, this form being supposed better calculated to retain the heat than any other: the flue is immediately over the entrance, as shown in *figures 1 and 4*. Welsh lumps, or fire-bricks,

are used for the furnace. In a work of this nature, it is usual to introduce a considerable quantity of old iron hoops, more especially around and over the oven, in order to keep the work together. This precaution is advisable on all occasions where great heat is required.

In building the oven, the crown is turned with the bricks on end, as shown in the section, (*fig. 4*); and, instead of centering, the custom is to fill the whole space with sand, clay, or rubbish, which is well trodden down, and fashioned to the shape which it is intended the crown shall be of. When the upper work is finished, the sand is dug out or removed by the mouth of the oven.

Other particulars, interesting to the bricklayer, will be found in the Explanation of Terms, used by Bricklayers and Plasterers, hereafter.

SUBSTANCE OF THE BUILDING ACT, &c.

By the Building-Act, of the 14th of Geo. III., every master-builder, or owner, in the cities of London and Westminster, the Weekly Bills of Mortality, the Parishes of Saint Mary-la-Bonne, Paddington, St. Pancras, and St. Luke's, Chelsea, prior to beginning any building, within the first and seventh rates, must give twenty-four hours notice of his intention to the district-surveyor, descriptive of the edifice to be erected or altered. And the proprietors of houses and grounds must also give three months' notice to pull down old party-walls, party-arches, party fence-walls, or quarter partitions, when decayed, or of insufficient thickness, and to be left with the owner or occupier of such house; and, if empty, such notice to be stuck up on the front door, or front of such house.

The same Act also recites, that every front side or end wall, not being a *party-wall*, shall be deemed an *external wall*.

The thicknesses of party and external walls are described only of the *first*, *second*, *third*, and *fourth*, rates of building, the thicknesses of which, together with the prescribed thicknesses of the walls to the backs of the chimnies, in the several party and external walls, are described in *Plates LXXXVII*,

LXXXVIII, and LXXXIX, which will fully elucidate the subject, as regards the construction of party and external walls, with the chimnies therein.

The footings of external walls must have equal projections, except where the adjoining buildings will not admit of it, in which case the builder must be guided by circumstances, and conform, as nearly as possible, to the directions of the Act, under the guidance of the district surveyor.

Walls, and other external inclosures to buildings, of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth, rates, must be of brick, stone, artificial stone, lead, copper, tin, slate, tile, or iron, or a combination of those articles; but for foundations, wood-planks may be used.

If it should be required to make recesses in external walls, they must be arched, in order that the arches and recesses may each be equal in thickness to one brick: of course recesses cannot be formed in walls which are only one brick thick.

External walls of buildings, of the first, second, third, and fourth, rates, cannot be converted into party-walls, unless they are of the heights and thicknesses above the footings required for party-walls.

Party-walls appertain to such persons who are the owners of first, second, third, or fourth, rate buildings, and who do not intend to have distinct and separate walls on such sides as are contiguous to other buildings. Party-walls must be placed half and half on the ground of each of the owners, without any notice being given, provided it adjoins vacant ground.

Party-walls, or additions thereto, must be carried up at least eighteen inches above the roofs of the adjoining premises, measuring at right angles with the back rafters, and twelve inches above the gutters of the highest buildings against which they may abut, unless the height of the party-walls shall exceed that of the parapets, or blocking-courses; in which events, they may be left less than twelve inches above the gutters, at distances of two feet six inches from the fronts of the parapets and blocking courses.

Where it occurs that dormer-windows, or the heads of trap-doors, &c. are fixed upon flats, or roofs, within four feet of party-walls, such party-walls must be carried two feet higher than such dormer or erections previously constructed.

Recesses must not be made in party-walls, that will reduce any parts thereof to thicknesses less than the Act requires for the highest rates of buildings, to which such walls shall appertain, except for chimney-flues, girders, &c., or for embracing the ends of piers or walls.

Openings must not be made in party-walls, unless to communicate between two or more stacks of warehouses, or between one approved stable-building and another, in which cases, the communications must have iron-doors, not less than a quarter of an inch thick in the panels, fixed in stone frames and sills.

Openings, also, may be made for public passage-ways on the ground-floor for foot passengers, or sufficiently wide for the egress and regress of carriages of every description; as likewise for cattle, provided such passages or carriage-ways are arched over with brick or stone, or brick and stone united, of the thickness of one brick and a half at the least, for first-rate and second-rate buildings, and not less than one brick for the third and fourth rates; and where cellars, or vaults, are required under such passages, or arch-ways, they must be arched over throughout in the same manner, and according to the same proportions before-mentioned. Party-walls, party-arches, or chimney-shafts, old or new, may be cut into, except in the following instances. Where the fronts of buildings are in lines with each other, incisions may be cut, either in the rear or principal fronts, for the purposes of inserting the ends of any new external walls of any intended adjoining building, but such incisions must not be made more than nine inches deep from the outward faces of the external walls, nor beyond the centres of the party-walls. And for the more convenient insertion of bressumers and story-posts, to be fixed on the ground-floors, either in the back or principal front walls, recesses may be cut from the foundations of the new walls to the heights of the bressumers, fourteen inches deep from the outward faces of such walls, and four inches wide in the cellar stories, and two inches wide in the ground stories.

Party-walls may also be cut into for the purposes of tailing-in stone steps or stone landings, or for bearers to wood-stairs, or for laying in stone corbels, for supporting chimney-jambs, girders, purlines, binding or trimming joists, or any other principal timbers.

Perpendicular recesses may also be cut in party-walls, which are not less than one brick and a half thick, for the purposes of inserting walls or piers; but the incisions must not be more than fifteen inches deep; and where two or more incisions are made in the same description of walls, they must not approximate nearer to each other than ten feet.

Incisions may be made in party-walls for any of the preceding purposes, that is, provided they are not likely to injure, remove, or endanger the timbers, chimnies, flues, or internal finishings, of the adjoining buildings. The incisions, indents, cuts, or recesses, before-mentioned, must be made good as soon as possible; and during the time such operations are carrying into effect, the buildings adverted to must be carefully pinned up, where required, with bricks, stone, slate, tile, or iron-bedded, in mortar.

The portions of houses, or other buildings, which are contrived to be built over public passages, or gateways, being divided, and again sub-divided, into rooms and stories, the property of different owners, when built or re-built, must have party-walls and party-arches, at least a brick and a half thick, for first and second-rate buildings, and one brick thick for second and third-rate buildings, between the several rooms or stories belonging to the different proprietors; but the buildings to the Inns of Court are exempt from the latter regulation, it being deemed sufficient to build party-walls where any rooms or chambers communicate with the stair-cases, the walls in which instances are subject to the same regulations as other party-walls.

Where the lower-rate buildings adjoin those of higher rates, the additions intended to be made thereto must be built according to the rules prescribed for the higher rates.

Party-walls, which are built against other buildings, must be of the same thicknesses with the walls of the highest adjoining buildings in the stories next below the roofs; but such party-walls must not be erected, unless they can be done with the greatest safety to the adjoining walls or buildings.

Dwelling-houses, or other buildings, four stories high from the foundations, exclusive of the rooms in the roofs, must have party-walls, according to the third-rate of buildings, although such houses, or other buildings, estimated by the numbers of squares on the ground-floor, are of the fourth-

rate. And every dwelling-house, or other building, exceeding four stories in height from the foundations, exclusive of rooms in the roofs, must have party-walls according to the first-rate, although such houses, or other buildings, are not of the first-rate, that is, according to the number of squares on the ground-floor.

Chimnies must not be erected on timbers, unless it be indispensably necessary to pile and plank the foundations.

Chimnies may be built in party-walls back to back; but they must not be less in thicknesses, from the centres of such walls, than are described in the plate of plans elucidating the intention of the Act of Parliament, as regards the construction of chimnies in party and external walls.

The breasts of chimnies in party-walls must not, in any instance, be less than one brick thick in the cellar, and half a brick in every other story, and the divisions or widths, between the flues, must never be less than half a brick thick. The flues in party-walls may be built against each other, but must not approach nearer than two inches to the centres of such walls.

The breasts of chimnies and backs, together with the flues, must, in all cases, be rendered or pargetted, care being taken that timbers are not anywhere introduced for supporting the breasts, which must be carried by strong brick or stone arches, assisted by wrought-iron bars, as many as are requisite to each opening.

The flues in party-walls against vacant ground, must be lime-whited, or marked in some durable manner, and immediately after any other houses are erected against them, whatever is deemed requisite to be done to the flues must, as soon as possible, be completed.

Brick-flues, or funnels, must not be made on the outside of any building, of the first, second, third, or fourth, rates, next to any street, square, road, or passage, so as to project beyond the general line of the buildings; nor must any funnel, or pipe of iron, copper, or tin, for the conveyance of smoke or steam, be fixed near any public street, or court, &c., to buildings of the first, second, third, or fourth, rate description; nor must any pipes, for the conducting of smoke, be fixed within any of the before-mentioned buildings, nearer than fourteen inches to any timber, or other materials subject to take fire.

Every dwelling-house, which exceeds NINE squares of building on the ground-floor, including internal and external walls, are deemed the first-rate or class of buildings, and subject to be built in manner before-described; and, likewise, according to the thicknesses of the walls, drawn and figured in the sections and plans hereunto referred.

Dwelling-houses, also, which exceed FIVE squares of building, and are not more than NINE, are deemed second-rate houses.

Dwelling-houses, also, which exceed THREE squares and ONE-HALF, and are not more than FIVE squares, are deemed third-rate houses.

Dwelling-houses, also, which shall not exceed THREE and ONE-HALF squares, are deemed fourth-rates.

Fifth, sixth, and seventh, rate buildings, may be built of any dimensions, provided the conditions, stipulated in the Act of Parliament, are adhered to.

DISTRICT-SURVEYORS' FEES.

	£.	s.	d.
For every first-rate building	3	10	0
For every alteration or addition	1	15	0
For every second-rate	3	3	0
For every alteration or addition	1	10	0
For every third-rate	2	10	0
For every alteration or addition	1	5	0
For every fourth-rate	2	2	0
For every alteration or addition	1	1	0
For every fifth-rate	1	10	0
For every alteration or addition	0	15	0
For every sixth-rate	1	1	0
For every alteration or addition	0	10	6
For every seventh-rate	0	10	6
For every alteration or addition	0	5	0

The District-Surveyors are elected by the Magistrates for the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey.

CHAPTER IX.

PLASTERING.

IN modern practice, PLASTERING, by its recent improvements, occurs in every department of architecture, both internally and externally. It is more particularly applied to the sides of the walls, and the ceilings of the interior parts of buildings, and, also, for stuccoing the external parts of many edifices.

In treating on this subject, we shall divide Plastering under its several heads: as *plastering on laths*, in its several ways; *rendering* on brick and stone; and, finally, the finishing to all the several kinds of work of this description; as well as modelling, and casting the several mouldings, both ornamental and plain; stuccoing, and other outside compositions, which are applied upon the exterior of buildings; and, the making and polishing the *scagliola*, now so much used for columns, and their antæ, or pilasters, &c.

LIME forms an essential ingredient in all the operations of this trade. This useful article is vended at the wharfs about London in bags, and varies in its price from thirteen shillings to fifteen shillings per hundred pecks. Most of the lime made use of in London is prepared from chalk, and the greater portion comes from Purfleet, in Kent; but, for stuccoing, and other work, in which strength and durability is required, the lime made at Dorking, in Surrey, is preferred.

The composition, known as PLASTER OF PARIS, is one on which the Plasterer very much depends for giving the precise form and finish to all the better parts of his work; with it he makes all his ornaments and cornices, besides mixing it in his lime to fill up the finishing coat to the walls and ceilings of rooms.

The stone, from which the plaster is obtained, is known to professional men by several names, as *sulphate of lime*, *selenite*, *gypsum*, &c.; but its common name seems to have been derived from the immense quantities which have been taken from the hill named *Mont-Martre*, in the environs of Paris. The stone from this place is, in its appearance, similar to common free-stone, excepting its being replete with small specular crystals. The French break it into fragments of about the size of an egg, and then burn it in kilns, with billets of wood, till the crystals lose their brilliancy; it is then ground with stones, to different degrees of fineness, according to its intended uses. This kind of specular gypsum is said to be employed in Russia, where it abounds, as a substitute for glass in windows.

According to the chymists, the specific gravity of gypsum, or Plaster of Paris, is from 1.872 to 2.311, requiring 500 parts of cold and 450 of heat, to dissolve it; when calcined, it decrepitates, becomes very friable and white, and heats a little with water. In the process of burning, or calcination, it loses its water of crystallization, which, according to Fourcroy, is 22 per cent.

The plaster commonly made use of in London is prepared from a sulphate of lime, produced in Derbyshire, and called alabaster. Eight hundred tons are said to be annually raised there. It is brought to London in a crude state, and afterwards calcined, and ground in a mill for use, and vended in brown-paper bags, each containing about half a peck; the coarser sort is about fourteen-pence per bag, and the finest from eighteen to twenty-pence. The figure-makers use it for their casts of anatomical and other figures; and it is of the greatest importance not only to the plasterer, but to the sculptor, mason, &c.

The working-tools of the plasterer consist of a *spade*, of the common sort, with a *two or three-pronged rake*, which he uses for the purpose of mixing his mortar and hair together. His *trowels* are of two sorts, one kind being of three or four sizes. The first sort is called the *laying* and *smoothing-tool*; its figure consists in a flat piece of hardened iron, very thin, of about ten inches in length, and two inches and a half in width, ground to a semi-circular shape at one end, while the other is left square; on the back of the plate, and

nearest to the square end, is rivetted a piece of small rod-iron, with two legs, one of which is fixed to the plate, and the other, adapted for being fastened in a round wooden handle. With this tool all the first coats of plastering are put on; and it is also used in setting the finishing coat.

The trowels of the plasterer are made more neatly than the tools of the same name used by other artificers. The largest size is about seven inches long on the plate, and is of polished steel, two inches and three-quarters at the heel, diverging to an apex or point. To the wide end is adapted a handle, commonly of mahogany, with a deep brass ferrule. With this trowel the plasterer works all his fine-stuff, and forms cornices, mouldings, &c. The other trowels are made and fitted-up in a similar manner, varying gradually in their sizes from two to three inches in length.

The plasterer likewise employs several small tools, called *stopping* and *picking-out tools*; these are made of steel, well-polished, and are of different sizes, commonly about seven or eight inches long, and half an inch wide, flattened at both ends, and ground away till they are somewhat rounding. With these he models and finishes all the mitres and returns to the cornices, and fills up and perfects the ornaments at their joinings.

The workman in this art should keep all his tools very clean; they should be daily polished, and never put away without being wiped and freed from plaster.

In the practice of plastering many rules and models of wood are required. The rules or *straight-edges* as they are called, enable the plasterer to get his work to an upright line; and the models guide him in running plain mouldings, cornices, &c.

The CEMENTS made use of, for the interior work, are of two or three sorts. The first is called *lime and hair*, or coarse stuff; this is prepared in a similar way to common mortar, with the addition of hair, from the tan-yards, mixed in it. The mortar used for lime and hair is previously mixed with the sand, and the hair added afterward. The latter is incorporated by the labourers with a three-pronged rake.

FINE-STUFF, is pure lime, slaked with a small portion of water, and afterwards well saturated, and put into tubs in a semi-fluid state, where it is allowed to settle, and the water to evaporate. A small proportion of hair is sometimes added to the fine-stuff.

Stucco, for inside walls, called *trowelled* or *bastard stucco*, is composed of the fine-stuff above described, and very fine washed sand, in the proportion of one of the latter to three of the former. All walls, intended to be painted, are finished with this stucco.

MORTAR, called *gauge-stuff*, consists of about three-fifths of fine-stuff and one of Plaster of Paris, mixed together with water, in small quantities at a time: this renders it more susceptible of fixing or setting. This cement is used for forming all the cornices and mouldings, which are made with wooden moulds. When great expedition is required, the plasterers gauge all their mortar with Plaster of Paris. This enables them to hasten the work, as the mortar will then set as soon as laid on.

PLASTERERS have technical words and phrases by which they designate the quality of their work, and estimate its value.

By LATHING is meant the nailing up laths, or slips of wood, on the ceiling and partitions. The laths are made of fir or oak, and called *three-foots* and *four-foots*, being of these several lengths: they are purchased by the bundle or load.

There are three sorts of laths; viz. *single laths*, *lath and half*, and *double laths*. Single laths are the cheapest and thinnest; lath and half denotes one third thicker than the single lath; and double laths twice their thickness. The laths generally used in London are made of fir, imported from Norway, the Baltic, and America, in pieces called *staves*. Most of the London timber-merchants are dealers in laths; and there are many persons who confine themselves exclusively to this branch of trade.

The fir-laths are generally fastened by cast-iron nails, whereas the oaken ones require wrought-iron nails, as no nail of the former kind would be found equal to the perforation of the oak, which would shiver it in pieces by the act of driving.

In lathing ceilings, it is advisable that the plasterer should make use of laths of both the usual lengths, and so manage the nailing of them; that the joints should be as much broken as possible. This will tend to strengthen the plastering laid thereon, by giving it a stronger key or tie. The strongest laths are adapted for ceilings, and the slightest or single laths for the partitions of buildings.

LAYING consists in spreading a single coat of lime and hair all over a ceiling or partition; taking care that it is very even in every part, and quite smooth throughout: this is the cheapest manner of plastering.

PRICKING-UP is similar to *laying*, but is used as a preliminary to a more perfect kind of work. After the plastering has been put up in this manner, it is *scratched* all over with the end of a lath, in order to give a key or tie to the *finishing coats*, which are to follow.

LATHING, LAYING, and SET, are applied to work that is to be lathed as already described, and covered with one coat of lime and hair; and, when sufficiently dry, finished by being covered over with a thin and smooth coat of lime only, called by the plasterer *putty*, or *set*. This coat is spread with the smoothing trowel, and the surface finished with a large flat hog's-hair brush. The trowel is held in the right hand, and the brush in the left. As the plasterer lays on the set, he draws the brush backwards and forwards over it, till the surface is smooth.

LATHING, FLOATING, and SET, consists of lathing and covering with a coat of plaster, which is pricked up for the floated work, and is thus performed: The plasterer provides himself with a strong rule, or straight edge, often from ten to twelve feet in length; two workmen are necessarily employed therein. It is began by plumbing with a plumb-rule, and trying if the parts to be floated are upright and straight, to ascertain where filling up is wanting. This they perform by putting on a trowel or two of lime and hair only: when they have ascertained these preliminaries, the *screeds* are prepared.

A SCREED, in plastering, is a stile formed of lime and hair, about seven or eight inches wide, gauged exactly true. In floated-work these screeds are made, at every three or four feet distance, vertically round a room, and

are prepared perfectly straight by applying the straight-edge to them to make them so ; and, when all the screeds are formed, the parts between them are filled up flush with lime and hair, or *stuff*, and made even with the face of the screeds. The straight-edge is then worked horizontally upon the screeds, to take off all superfluous *stuff*. The floating is thus finished by adding *stuff* continually, and applying the rule upon the screeds till it becomes, in every part, quite even with them.

Ceilings are floated in the same manner, by having screeds formed across them, and filling up the intermediate spaces with *stuff*, and applying the rule as for the walls.

Plastering is good or bad, in proportion to the care taken in this part of the work ; hence the most careful workmen are generally employed therein.

The *set* to the floated work is performed in a similar way to that already described for the laid plastering ; but floated plastering, for the best rooms, is performed with more care than is required in an inferior style of work. The setting, for the floated work, is frequently prepared by adding to it about one-sixth of Plaster of Paris, that it may fix more quickly, and have a closer and more compact appearance. This, also, renders it more firm, and better adapted for being whitened, or coloured, when dry. The drier the prick-ing-up coat of plastering is, the better for the floated stucco-work ; but if the floating is too dry before the last coat is put on, there is a probability of its peeling off, or cracking, and thus giving the ceiling an unsightly appearance. These cracks, and other disagreeable appearances in ceilings, may likewise arise from the weakness of the laths, or from too much plastering, or from strong laths and too little plastering. Good floated work, executed by a judicious hand, is very unlikely to crack, and particularly if the lathing be properly attended to.

RENDERING and *set*, or RENDERING, FLOATED, and *set*, includes a portion of the process employed in both the previous modes, with the exception that no lathing is required in this branch of the work. By *rendering* is meant that one coat of lime and hair is to be plastered on a wall of brick or stone ; and the *set* implies that it is again to be covered and finished with fine stuff, or

putty. The method of performing this is similar to that already described for the setting of ceilings and partitions. The *floated* and *set* is performed on the rendering in the same manner as it is on the partitions and ceilings of the best kind of plastering, which has been described.

TROWELLED-STUCCO is a very neat kind of work, much used in dining-rooms, vestibules, stair-cases, &c., especially when the walls are to be finished by painting. This kind of stucco requires to be worked upon a floated ground, and the floating should be as dry as possible before the stuccoing is began. When the stucco is made, as before described, it is beaten and tempered with clean water, and is then fit for use. In order to use it, the plasterer is provided with a small *float*, which is merely a piece of half-inch deal, about nine inches long and three inches wide, planed smooth, and a little rounded away on its lower edge; a handle is fitted to the upper side, to enable the workman to move it with ease. The stucco is spread upon the ground, which has been prepared to receive it, with the largest trowel, and made as even as possible. When a piece, four or five feet square, has been so spread, the plasterer, with a brush, which he holds in his left hand, sprinkles a small part of the stucco with water, and then applies the float, alternately sprinkling and rubbing the face of the stucco, till he reduces the whole to a perfect smooth and even surface. The water has the effect of hardening the face of the stucco; so that, when well floated, it feels to the touch as smooth as glass.

CORNICES are plain or ornamented, and sometimes include a portion of both; in the ornamented, superior taste has latterly prevailed, on principles derived from the study of the *antique*. The preliminaries, in the formation of cornices in plastering, consist in the examination of the drawings or designs, and measuring the projections of the members: should the latter be found to exceed seven or eight inches, *bracketing* will be necessary.

BRACKETING consists of pieces of wood fixed up at about eleven or twelve inches from each other, all round the place intended to have a cornice; on these brackets laths are fastened, and the whole is covered with one coat of plastering, making allowance in the brackets for the stuff necessary to form the cornice;

for this about one inch and a quarter is generally found sufficient. When the cornice has been so far forwarded, a mould must be made of the profile or section of the cornice, exactly representing all its members; this is generally prepared, by the carpenters, of beech-wood, about a quarter of an inch in thickness; all the quirks, or small sinkings, being formed in brass. When the mould is ready, the process of running the cornice begins: two workmen are required to perform this operation; and they are provided with a tub of set, or putty, and a quantity of Plaster of Paris; but before they begin with the mould, they gauge a straight line, or screed, on the wall and ceiling, made of putty and plaster, extending so far on each as to answer to the bottom and top of the cornice, for it to fit into. This is the guide for moving the mould upon. The putty is then mixed with about one-third of Plaster of Paris, and incorporated in a semi fluid state, by being diluted with clean water. One of the workmen then takes two or three trowels full of the prepared putty upon his hawk, which he holds in his left hand, having in his right hand a trowel, with which he plasters the putty over the parts where the cornice is to be formed; the other workman applying the mould to ascertain where more or less of it is required; and, when a sufficient quantity has been put on to fill up all the parts of the mould, the other workman moves the mould backwards and forwards, holding it up firmly to the ceiling and wall; thus removing the superfluous stuff, and leaving in plaster the exact contour of the cornice required. This is not effected at once, but the other workman keeps supplying fresh putty to the parts which want it. If the stuff dries too fast, one of the workmen sprinkles it with water from a brush.

When the cornices are of very large proportions, three or four moulds are requisite, and they are applied in the same manner until the whole of their parts are formed. The mitres, internal and external, and also small returns or breaks, are afterwards modelled and filled up by hand.

ORNAMENTAL CORNICES are formed previously, and in a similar way to those described, excepting that the plasterer leaves indents or sinkings in the mould for the casts to be fixed in. The plasterers of the present day cast all their ornaments in Plaster of Paris; whereas they were formerly the work

of manual labour, performed by ingenious men, then known in the trade as *ornamental-plasterers*. The casting of ornaments in moulds has almost superseded this branch of the art; and the few individuals now living, by whom it was formerly professed, are chiefly employed in modelling and framing of moulds.

All the ornaments which are cast in Plaster of Paris, are previously modelled in clay. The clay-model exhibits the power and taste of the designer, as well as that of the sculptor. When it is finished, and becomes rather firm, it is oiled all over, and put into a wooden frame. All its parts are then retouched and perfected, for receiving a covering of melted wax, which is poured warm into the frame and over the clay-mould. When cool, it is turned upside down, and the wax comes easily away from the clay, and is an exact reversed copy. In such moulds are cast all the enriched mouldings, now prepared by common plasterers. The waxen models are made so as to cast about one foot in length of the ornaments at a time; this quantity being easily removed out of the moulds, without the danger of breaking.

The casts are all made with the finest and purest Plaster of Paris, saturated with water. The casts, when first taken out of the moulds, are not very firm, and are suffered to dry a little, either in the air, or in an oven adapted for the purpose; and when hard enough to bear handling, they are scraped and cleaned up for the workmen to fix in the places intended.

The FRIEZES and BASSO-RELIEVOS are performed in a manner exactly similar, except that the waxen moulds are so made as to allow of grounds of plaster being left behind the ornaments, half an inch, or more, in thicknesses; and these are cast to the ornaments or figures, which strengthen and secure the proportions.

CAPITALS to columns are prepared in a similar way, but require several moulds to complete them. The Corinthian capital will require a shaft or bell to be first made, exactly shaped, so as to produce graceful effects in the foliage and contour of the volutes; all of which, as well as the other details, require separate and distinct reversed moulds when intended for capitals made to order.

The plasterers, as before-mentioned, in forming cornices, in which ornaments are to be used, take care to have projections in the running moulds; which have the effect of grooves or indents in the cornices; and into these grooves are put the ornaments after they are cast, which are fixed in their places by having small quantities of liquid Plaster of Paris spread at their backs. Friezes are prepared for cornices, &c., in a similar way, by leaving projections in the running moulds, at those parts of the cornices where they are intended to be inserted, and they are also fixed in their places with liquid plaster. Detached ornaments, when designed for ceilings, or any other parts, to which running moulds have not been employed, are cast in pieces exactly corresponding with the designs, and are fixed upon the ceilings, or other places, with white-lead.

Plasterers require numerous models in wood, and very few or any of their best works can be completed without them. But, with moulds, good plasterers are capable of making the most exquisite mouldings, possessing sharpness and breadths unequalled by any other modes now in practice. This, however is, in some measure, dependent on the truth of the moulds. Good plastering is known by its exquisite appearance, as to its regularity, correctness, solid effect, and without any cracks or indications of them.

ROMAN CEMENT, or OUTSIDE STUCCO.—The qualities of this valuable cement is now generally known in every part of the *United Kingdom*. It was first introduced to public notice by the late JAMES WYATT, Esq. eminent for having planned and executed some of the most magnificent and useful structures in these countries. It was originally known as *Parker's Patent Cement*, and was sold by Messrs. Charles Wyatt and Co., Bankside, London, at *five shillings* and *sixpence* per bushel: it is now vended by different manufacturers in the Metropolis at *three shillings* per bushel, and even less, when the casks are returned. Equal quantities of this cement and sharp clean grit-sand, mixed together, will form very hard and durable coverings for the outsides of public and private edifices. If the sand is wet or damp, the composition should be used immediately. When the works are finished they should be frescoed, or coloured, with washes, composed in proportions of five ounces

of copperas to every gallon of water, and as much fresh lime and cement as will produce the colours required. Where these sorts of works are executed with judgment, and finished with taste, so as to produce picturesque effects, they are drawn and jointed to imitate well-bonded masonry, and the divisions promiscuously touched with rich tints of umber, and occasionally with vitriol; and, upon these colours mellowing, they will produce the most pleasing and harmonious effects; especially if dashed with judgment, and with the skill of a painter who has profited by watching the playful tints of nature, produced by the effects of time in the mouldering remains of our antient buildings.

The following are the average prices for Roman Cement, as charged in the Metropolis, at per yard superficial.

	s.	d.
Roman Cement, on the outsides of buildings, including all materials, and colouring in the manner described.....	4	9
Ditto, without colouring	4	0
Ditto, on strong laths	5	3
Plain fascias, pilasters, and belting-courses, or strings, per foot super	0	6
Plain cornices, ditto	2	2
Sinkings, per foot run	0	5
Arris', ditto	0	2
Nine-inch reveals to windows, ditto	0	8
Four inches and a half reveals, ditto	0	5

Where the works are circular, *one-fourth*, *one-fifth*, or *one-sixth*, should be added to the above prices, in proportions to the quickness of the curvatures.

The expenses of dubbing-out, to make the works fair, must be added to the before-mentioned prices; also the value of the cement consumed in performing the same; together with all the time in erecting and taking down the scaffolding; as, also, the expenses of iron spikes, for twine, and other requisite materials, for creating extra projections to cornices, pilasters, &c.

One bushel of cement, used with discretion, care, and judgment, will perform from three to four yards superficial; that is, mixed with an equal portion of clean sharp grit-sand; and, in procuring the latter article, great pains should be taken to select such qualities as are of a lively and binding description, and free from all slime or mud. As soon as the sand and cement is mixed with clean water, the composition should be used as quick as possible, and not a moment lost in floating the walls, which will require incessant labour, until the cement is set, which is almost instantaneous.

ROUGH-CASTING is an outside finishing cheaper than stucco. It consists in giving the wall to be rough-casted a pricking-up coat of lime and hair; and when this is tolerably dry, a second coat of the same material, which is laid on the first, as smooth and even as can be. As fast as this coat is finished, a second workman follows the other with a pail of rough-cast, which he throws on the new plastering. The materials for rough-casting are composed of fine gravel, with the earth washed cleanly out of it, and afterwards mixed with pure lime and water, till the entire together is of the consistence of a semi-fluid; it is then spread, or rather splashed, upon the wall by a float made of wood. This float is five or six inches long, and as many wide, made of half-inch deal, to which is fitted a rounded deal handle. The plasterer holds this in his right hand, and in his left a common white-wash brush; with the former he lays on the rough-cast, and with the latter, which he dips in the rough-cast, he brushes and colours the mortar and rough-cast that he has spread, to make them, when finished and dry, appear of the same colour throughout.

SCAGLIOLA.—The practice of forming columns with SCAGLIOLA is a distinct branch of plastering. It originated in Italy, and was thence introduced into France, then into England. For its first introduction here our country is indebted to the late Henry Holland, Esq. who was for many years the favourite architect of his present Majesty, who caused artists to be invited from Paris to perform such works in Carlton-Palace; some of whom, from finding a considerable demand for their works, remained with us, and taught the art to our British workmen.

In order to execute columns and their antæ, or pilasters, in Scagliola, the following remarks and directions are to be observed: when the architect has furnished the drawing, exhibiting the diameter of the shafts, a wooden cradle is made, about two and a half inches less in diameter than that of the projected column. This cradle is lathed all round, as for common plastering, and afterwards covered by a pricking-up coat of lime and hair: when this is quite dry, the workers in Scagliola commence their peculiar labour.

The Scagliola is capable of imitating the most scarce and precious marbles; the imitation taking as high a polish, and feeling to the touch as cold and solid as the most compact and dense marble. For the composition of it the purest gypsum must be broken in small pieces, and then calcined till the largest fragments have lost their brilliancy. The calcined powder is then passed through a very fine sieve, and mixed up with a solution of Flanders glue, isinglass, &c., with the colours required in the marble they are about to imitate.

When the work is to be of various colours, each colour is prepared separately, and they are afterwards mingled and combined nearly in the same manner as a painter mixes, on his pallet, the primitive colours which are to compose his different shades. When the powdered gypsum, or plaster, is prepared, and mingled for the work, it is laid on the shaft of the column, &c., covering over the pricked-up coat, which has been previously laid on it, and is floated, with moulds of wood, to the sizes required. During the floating, the artist uses the colours necessary for the marble intended to be imitated, which thus become mingled and incorporated in it. In order to give his work the polish or glossy lustre, he rubs it with a pumice-stone, and cleanses it with a wet sponge. He next proceeds to polish it with tripoli and charcoal, and fine soft linen; and, after going over it with a piece of felt, dipped in a mixture of oil and tripoli, finishes the operation by the application of pure oil.

This is considered as one of the finest imitations in the world; the Scagliola being as strong and durable as real marble for all works not exposed to the

effects of the atmosphere, retaining its lustre as long and equal to real marble, without being one-eighth of the expense of the cheapest marble imported.

COMPOSITION.—Besides the composition, before adverted to, for covering the outsides of buildings, plasterers use a finer species of composition for inside ornamental works. The material alluded to is of a brownish colour, exceedingly compact, and, when completely dry, very strong. It is composed of powdered whitening, glue in solution, and linseed-oil; the proportions of which are, to two pounds of whitening one pound of glue, and half a pound of oil. These are placed in a copper and heated, being stirred with a spatula till the whole becomes incorporated. It is then suffered to cool and settle; after which it is taken and laid upon a stone, covered with powdered whitening, and beaten till it becomes of a tough and firm consistence. It is then put by for use, and covered with wetted cloths to keep it fresh.

The ornaments to be cast in this composition are modelled in clay, for common plastering, and afterwards carved in a block of box-wood. The carving must be done with great neatness and truth, as on it depends the exquisiteness of the ornament. The composition is cut with a knife into pieces, and then closely pressed by hand into every part of the mould; it is then placed in a press, worked by an iron screw, by which the composition is forced into every part of the sculpture. After being taken out of the press, by giving it a tap upside down, it comes easily out of the mould. One foot in length is as much as is usually cast at a time; and when this is first taken out of the mould, all the superfluous composition is removed by cutting it off with a knife; the waste pieces being thrown into the copper to assist in making a fresh supply of composition.

This composition, when formed into ornaments, is fixed upon wooden or other ground, by a solution of heated glue, white-lead, &c. It is afterwards painted or gilded, to suit the taste and style of the work for which it is intended.

PLASTERER'S MEASURING AND VALUATION.

The *measuring* and *valuation* of plasterer's work is conducted by surveyors. All common plastering is measured by the yard square, of nine feet; this includes the partitions and ceilings of rooms, stuccoing, internally and externally, &c. &c. Cornices are measured by the foot superficial, girting their members to ascertain their widths, which, multiplied by their lengths, will produce the superficial contents. Running measures consist of beads, quirks, aris's, and small mouldings. Ornamental cornices are frequently valued in this way; that is, by the running foot.

The labour in plasterer's work is frequently of more consideration than the materials; hence it becomes requisite to note down the exact time which is consumed in effecting particular portions, so that an adequate and proper value may be put upon the work.

CHAPTER X.

AN EXPLANATION OF TERMS, AND DESCRIPTION OF TOOLS, USED IN BRICKLAYING AND PLASTERING.

ANGLE FLOAT. See *Float*.

BASS.—A short trough for holding mortar, when tiling the roof: it is hung to the lath.

BASTARD STUCCO. See *Stucco*.

BAY.—A strip or rib of plaster between screeds, for regulating the floating rule. See *Screeds*.

BED OF A BRICK.—The horizontal surface as disposed in a wall.

BEDDING STONE.—A straight piece of marble used to try the rubbed side of a brick.

BRICKLAYER'S TOOLS.—The principal tools used by bricklayers are represented in *plate XC*. The *Brick-trowel*, (*fig. 1*.) is used for taking up and spreading mortar, and likewise for cutting bricks to any required size: this last use renders it necessary that they should be made of the best steel, well tempered.

The *Hammer* used by bricklayers (*fig. 7*.) is adapted either for driving, or dividing bricks, and for cutting holes in brick-work, &c. To suit it for these different purposes, one end of the head is formed like the common hammer; and the other end is furnished with a kind of axe, similar to that used by carpenters, only much narrower in proportion to its length. The handle is

placed much nearer to the striking than to the cutting part of the head. The hammer employed for dividing and pulling down old brick walls, instead of the axe part, more nearly resembles an adze, but is not so broad in proportion to its length.

The *Plumb Rule* is about four feet in length, and it is furnished with a line and plummet, to direct the workman in carrying up walls vertically. It consists of a well-seasoned board, of moderate thickness and breadth, and about four feet long. Down the middle of one side of this board a straight line is drawn, so that a cord which is fastened to the top, equi-distant from the arris on each side of it, may hang straight therein. To this cord a weight is attached, in order to shew the inclination of the cord more correctly, and a hole is cut in the bottom to admit it. The workman, in order to carry up his wall perpendicularly, applies either of the sides of this rule to the wall, so that the plummet and its cord may face him; and if the cord of the plummet does not coincide with the line on the rule, before the mortar becomes dry, he sets the bricks farther in or out, according to circumstances.

The *Level*, used by bricklayers, is similar to that of the carpenter, described in page 233. Its length varies from six to twelve feet. If to the middle of a long narrow edge of a board of the same thickness, but about double the length of the plumb-rule, one end of the plumb-rule were joined at right angles, as the lower edge or side of the piece thus added to the rule would become the surface placed on walls, to ascertain whether they are horizontal or not, the plumb-line would thus become a level. The correctness of a level is determined by placing it vertically on any flat surface, and lowering or raising the support till the cord of the plummet exactly coincides with the line on the perpendicular rule. When this is done, reverse the ends, and if the same effect takes place, the level is true; but if it does not, the bottom of the board must be shot, till this coincidence takes place. The perpendicular and horizontal parts of the level are not only fastened together by a tenon and mortise, but two braces are likewise added, in a slanting direction, from the horizontal piece nearly to the top of the perpendicular one, in order to give it greater firmness.

The *Large Square* is employed for setting out the sides of a building at right-angles.


The *Small Square*, (*fig. 3.*) is used for trying the bedding of bricks, and squaring the soffits across their breadth.

The *Bevel*, (*fig. 4.*) is employed in drawing the soffit line on the face of the bricks.

The *Rod* is from five to ten feet in length, and is used for measuring lengths, heights, and breadths, with more facility than could be done by a pocket-rule. The feet are divided by notches, and one of those next to the extremity of the rod is subdivided into inches.

The *Measuring-Tape* is a kind of strong tape, graduated, marked, and coiled up by a little winch into a cylindrical box; and thus it unites the portableness of the pocket-rule, with the greater despatch of the rod.

The *Jointing-Rule*, (*fig. 5.*) is about eight or ten feet long, and about four inches broad. It is used for running the joints of brick-work. When it is designed for the use of two bricklayers, the latter length is employed.

The *Jointer*, (*fig. 6.*) is an iron tool, used along with the jointing-rule to mark the joints of brick work horizontally and vertically. Its form nearly resembles an , with less flexure in proportion.

The *Raker*, (*fig. 8.*) is a piece of iron, pointed with steel, with two knees or angles, so as to resemble a Z, if the connecting stroke of the top and bottom were perpendicular instead of slanting; so that the pointed parts are of equal lengths, and stand at contrary sides of the middle part. It is used to prick or rake loose and decayed mortar out of the joints of old walls, that are intended to be re-filled with new mortar, or fresh pointed.

The *Hod* resembles the half of a rectangular box, divided so as to consist of two boards at right angles to each other, and a third board to shut up one end. From the middle of the angular ridge, formed by the meeting of the two sides, projects the handle, which is a pole of about four feet long. That part of the ridge which is between the back or end board, is generally covered with several thicknesses of leather; or with leather stuffed with wool, in order that the angle of the ridge may not cut the shoulder of the labourer.

This utensil is used for carrying bricks or mortar for supplying the bricklayer. When used for mortar, it is customary to strew the internal surface of the hod with clean dry sand, to prevent the mortar from adhering to the wood.

The *Line Pins*, (*fig. 9*.) consist of two iron pins, with a line of about sixty feet, fastened by one of its extremities to each. It is used by being stretched close to the wall, and removed at proper intervals as the work advances, in order to guide the workmen in laying the different courses of bricks exactly straight.

The *Rammer*, used by bricklayers, (*fig. 10*.) is similar to that of paviors, and it is used for ascertaining whether ground is sufficiently strong to bear a foundation. It is also used for giving unstable ground its proper degree of compression, in order to prevent fractures in the walls; which would naturally ensue, if the foundation were laid when the ground is in a loose state.

The *Iron Crow* is a long bar of iron used for breaking through old walls, or raising heavy bodies out of the ground.

The *Pick-axe*, (*fig. 11*.) consists of a long bar of iron, of considerable thickness in the centre, which is furnished with a hole or mortise for receiving a handle. The two arms on the sides of the centre and handle generally diminish or taper considerably towards their extremities, in order that their points may more readily enter the earth in digging; or be inserted between bricks or stones to separate them. The arms, likewise, incline towards the handle, so as to form the segment of a circle. The pick-axe is frequently used in conjunction with the iron crow.

The *Compasses*, used by the bricklayer, are similar to those used by the carpenter and joiner, and are employed for traversing arches.

The *Grinding-Stone* is used for sharpening axes, hammers, &c., and scarcely, perhaps, requires to be mentioned.

The *Scribe* is a pike, or large nail, ground to a sharp point, and used for marking the bricks in the part where they are to be cut.

The *Chopping-block* is made of any chance piece of wood that can be obtained, of about six or eight inches square, when for two men to work

thereon; and lengthened in proportion for four or more. It is generally supported, about two feet three inches from the ground, upon two or more fourteen-inch brick piers. It is better to have several blocks when they can be obtained, in preference to allowing many hands to be employed at one; because the vibrations communicated by one workman are liable to inconvenience another.

The Chopping-block is used for reducing bricks to any required form by means of the axe.

The *Banker*, (*fig. 13*.) is a bench, from six to twelve feet in length, according to the number of men it is intended to accommodate; from two to three feet in breadth, and about one inch thick. An old ledged door may easily be converted into a banker, by placing its back edge against a wall, and supporting the front with three, four, or five posts; it is used for rubbing and gauging bricks for arch-work. B, in the figure, represents the rubbing-stone.

The *Camber-slip*, (*fig. 12*.) is a piece of board of any length or breadth, made convex on one or both edges, and generally something less than an inch in thickness: it is made use of as a rule. When only one side or edge is cambered, it rises about one inch in six feet, and is employed for drawing the soffit lines of straight arches: when the other edge is curved, it rises only about one half of the other, *viz.* about half an inch in six feet, and is used for drawing the upper side of the arch, so as to prevent its becoming hollow by the settling of the arch. But some persons prefer having the upper side of the arches straight; and, in this case, the upper edge of the arch is not cambered. When the bricklayer has drawn his arch, he gives the camber-slip to the carpenter, who by it forms the centre to the curve of the soffit. The bricklayer, in order to prevent the necessity of having many camber-slips, should always be provided with one which is sufficiently large for the widest aperture likely to be arched.

The *Mould* is used for forming the face and back of the brick to its proper taper; and, to this end, one edge of the mould is brought close to the bed of the brick previously squared. The mould has a notch for every course of the arch.

The *Templet* is an instrument for taking the length of the *stretcher* and the width of the *header*, in building walls, &c.

The *Tin Saw* is used for cutting, to about the eighth of an inch deep, the soffit lines made, first by the edge of the bevel on the face of the brick, and then by the edge of the square on the bed of the brick. This incision is made in order to form an entrance for the brick-axe, that it may reduce the bricks to the proper form for arches, without splintering or jaggging their edges. This saw is likewise used for cutting the false joints of headers and stretchers.

The *Brick-axe* is used for reducing or cutting off the soffits of bricks to the saw-cuttings, and the sides to the line drawn by the scribe. Much of the labour required for rubbing the bricks may be removed by the axe being managed with dexterity.

The *Rubbing-Stone*, B, (*fig. 13*,) is a rough grained stone, of about twenty inches in diameter, generally fixed at one end of the banker, on a bed of mortar. It is used for smoothing those bricks which have been brought to their proper form by the axe. The headers and stretchers in returns, which are not axed, are likewise dressed upon the rubbing-stone. If the grain of the stone is found not to be sufficiently sharp to reduce the bricks with the necessary expedition, a little sand will tend to remove this deficiency.

The *Bedding-Stone* consists of a marble slab, from eighteen to twenty inches in length, and from eight to ten wide, and of any thickness. It is used to try whether the surface of a brick, which has been already rubbed, be straight, so that it may fit upon the leading skew back, or leading end of the arch.

The *Float-stone* is used for taking out the axe-marks, and smoothing the surfaces of curved work, as the cylindrical backs and spherical heads of niches. But, for this purpose, the Float-stone must itself be curved in the reverse form, though of a radius equal to that intended for the brick, so that it may coincide, as nearly as possible, with the brick.

CEILING.—The upper side of an apartment, opposite to the floor, generally

finished with plastered work. Ceilings are set in two different ways, the best is where the setting coat is composed of plaster and putty, commonly called *gauge*.

CLINKER.—A portion of a brick, used where the distance will not permit a whole one in length.

COARSE STUFF.—See *Lime* and *Hair*.

COAT.—A stratum, or thickness, of plaster-work, done at one time.

COMPO, or *Compos*, used in outside stucco-work, implies the materials with which Roman or any other similar cement is composed: that is, when the component parts are all incorporated. To ascertain their different qualities, the same must be decomposed, or analysed.

COURSE.—A horizontal stratum, layer, or row, of bricks, extending along the whole length of a wall.

DERBY.—A two-handed float.

DIE.—Plaster is said to die when it loses its strength.

DOTS.—Patches of plaster put on to regulate the floating-rule in making screeds and bays.

FINE STUFF, for plastering, is made of lime slaked and sifted through a fine sieve, and mixed with a due quantity of hair, and sometimes a small quantity of fine sand.

FINISHING, in plastering, is the best coat of three-coat work, when done for stucco. The term *setting* is commonly used, when the third coat is made of fine stuff for papering.

FIRST COAT, of two-coat work, in plastering, is denominated *laying* when on lath, and *rendering* when on brick: in three-coat work upon lath it is denominated *pricking-up*; and upon brick, *roughing-in*.

FLOAT.—An implement used in plastering for forming the second coat of three-coat work to a given form of surface.—An *Angle-Float* is a float made to any internal angle to the planes of both sides of a room. The *Derby* is a two-handed float.

FLOATED LATH and PLASTER, set fair for paper, is three-coat work; the first *pricking-up*, the second *floating*, and the third, or *setting coat* of fine-

stuff, understood to be *pricked-up*, as there is no floated work without pricking-up.

FLOATED, RENDERED, and SET.—A common term explained in the previous definitions.

FLOATED WORK, in plastering.—That which is pricked-up, floated and set, or roughed-in.

FLOATING, in plastering.—The second coat of three-coat work.

FLOATING-RULES, used by plasterers, have been already noticed. They are of every size and length.

FLOATING-SCREED, in plastering, differs from cornice-screeds, in this, that the former is a strip of plaster, and the latter wooden rules for running the cornice. See *Screed*.

GAUGE, in plastering.—A mixture of fine stuff and plaster, or of coarse-stuff and plaster, used in finishing the best ceilings, and for mouldings, and sometimes for setting walls.

HAWKE.—A board, with a handle projecting perpendicularly from the underside, for holding plaster.

LATHS.—Small slips of wood nailed to rafters, for hanging the tiles or slates upon. For laths used in plastering, see page 372.

Double Fir Laths are laths three-eighths of an inch thick, single laths being a bare quarter, or less than a quarter of an inch.

LATH, FLOATED and SET FAIR.—These words bear the same meaning as lath pricked-up, and floated and set, to which the reader is referred.

LATH, LAYED and SET, in plastering, is two-coat work; only the first coat, called *laying*, is put on without scratching, unless it be with the points of a broom. This is generally coloured on walls, and whited on ceilings.

LATH, PLASTERED, SET, and COLOURED, is the same with lath, layed, set, and coloured, to which the reader is also referred.

LATH, PRICKED-UP, FLOATED and SET, for PAPER, is three-coat work; the first is *pricking-up*, the second *floating*, and the third the *finishing* of fine-stuff.

LAYING, in plastering.—The first coat on lath of two-coat plaster, or *set-work*. It is not scratched with the scratcher; but its surface is roughed

by sweeping it with a broom; it differs only from *rendering* on its application. *Rendering* is applied to the first-coat work upon brick; whereas *laying* is the first of two-coat work upon lath.

LAYING ON TROWELS.—The trowels used for laying on plaster.

LIME and HAIR, in plastering.—A mixture of lime and hair used in first-coating and in floating: it is otherwise denominated *coarse-stuff*. In floating, more hair is used than in first-coating.

MITERING ANGLES.—Making good the internal and external angles of mouldings.

MORTAR.—A preparation of lime and sand mixed with water, and used as a cement, as already explained in pages 329, 371, &c.

MOULDINGS, in plastering.—When not very large, mouldings are first run with coarse gauge to the mould, then with fine-stuff, then with putty and plaster, and, lastly, run off, or finished, with raw putty. When mouldings are large, coarse-stuff is first put on, then it is filled with tile-heads or brick-bats, and run off successively with coarse gauge, fine-stuff gauge, putty gauge, and finished with raw putty. In running cornices, there must always be screeds upon the ceiling, whether the ceiling is floated or not.

PARGETING.—A term derived from *parget*, or the plaster-stone, and used for the plastering of walls; sometimes for the plaster itself.

PLASTER.—The material with which ornaments are cast, and with which the fine-stuff of gauge for mouldings and other parts are mixed.

PRICKING-UP, in plastering.—The first coating of three-coat work upon laths. The material used is coarse stuff, sometimes, in London, mixed up with drift road sand, scrapings, or Thames sand, and its surface is always scratched with an instrument used for that purpose.

PUGGING.—The materials composed of bricks and mortar, &c. introduced between the joists of floors, in order to prevent the communication of sound, or to deaden it in the interval from one story to another.

PUTTY.—A very fine cement, made of lime only.

RENDERED and FLOATED, in plastering, is three-coat work, more commonly called *floated*, *rendered*, and *set*.

RENDERED, FLOATED, and SET, for paper, should be termed *roughed-in*. Floated and set, for paper, is three-coat work; the first, lime and hair upon brick-work; the second, the same stuff, with a little more hair, floated with a long rule; the last, fine stuff, mixed with white hair.

RENDERED and SET.—The same as set-work. See *Set-work*.

ROUGH-CAST.—The overlaying of walls with mortar, without smoothing it with any tool whatever. This has been already noticed. See page 380.

ROUGHING-IN, in plastering.—The first coat of three-coat work.

ROUGH-RENDERING, in plastering, means one coat rough.

ROUGH-STUCCO. See *Stucco*.

SAIL-OVER.—A term denoting the over-hanging of one or more courses of bricks beyond the naked of the wall.

SECOND COAT, in plastering.—Either the finishing coat, as in *laid and set*, or in *rendered and set*; or it is the floating, when the plaster is *roughed-in*, floated, and set, for paper.

SCREEDS.—Wooden rules for running mouldings, and also the extreme guides upon the margins of walls and ceilings for floating.

SET-FAIR.—A term in plastering, used after roughing-in and floated, or pricked-up and floated work.

SETTING.—The quality that any kind of stuff has to harden in a short time.

SETTING-COAT, on ceilings or walls, in the *best* work, is gauge, or a mixture of putty and plaster; but in common work it consists of fine-stuff.

SET-WORK, in plastering.—Two-coat work upon lath.

SKEW-BACK.—The sloping abutment for the arched head of a window.

STOPPING.—Making good apertures and cracks in the plaster.

STUCCO, or FINISHING.—The third coat of three-coat plaster. Rough Stucco is that which is finished with stucco, floated, and brushed.

BASTARD STUCCO.—Three-coat plaster, the first generally *roughing-in*, or rendering; the second *floating*, as in *trowelled-stucco*; but the finishing coat contains a little hair besides the sand. It is not *hand-floated*, and the trowelling is done with less labour than what is denominated *trowelled-stucco*.

THIRD COAT, in plastering.—The *stucco* for paint, or *setting* for paper.

THREE-COAT WORK, in plastering, is that which consists of pricking-up, or roughing-in, floating, and a finishing coat.

TOOLS, BRICKLAYERS'.—See *Bricklayers' Tools*, pages 384, &c.

TOOLS, PLASTERERS'. See pages 370, 371, &c.

TOOTHINGS.—Bricks projecting at the end of a part of a wall, to bond a part of the said wall, not yet carried up.

TRAVERSING THE SCREEDS FOR CORNICES, is putting on gauge-stuff on the ceiling screeds, for regulating the running mould of the cornice above.

TROWELLED-STUCCO, for paint.—The same as roughed-in for brick-work.

TWO-COAT WORK, in plastering, is either layed and set, or rendered and set. See those articles.

WATER TABLE.—The bricks projecting below the naked of a wall to rest the upper part firmly upon.

WORK.—The coating of plaster layed and set, and applied to brick-work where there are two coats only.

CHAPTER XI.

SLATING,

WITH AN EXPLANATION OF TERMS, &c.

SLATING, till lately, was employed only for covering the roofs of buildings; but it is now used for forming balconies, chimney-pieces, castings to walls, skirtings, stair-cases, &c.

The slates most in use about London are the Welsh and Westmoreland, but the latter are now almost superseded by the former. About eighty years ago French slates were much used: they are smaller than Welsh slates, and, being very thin, are consequently extremely light; and their thinness renders them liable to be easily penetrated by wet, and are, of course, considered unfit for our climate. Slates of this kind, after they have been long exposed to the atmosphere in these countries, are often shivered in pieces; and they may sometimes be found completely decomposed, or reduced to a powdered state. This imperfection, since it has been known, has prevented their being used in this country; nor is it probable they will be again introduced.

The WELSH SLATES are generally classed in the following order.

	<i>ft.</i>	<i>in.</i>		<i>ft.</i>	<i>in.</i>
DOUBLES, average size	1	1	by	0	6
LADIES	1	3	—	0	8
COUNTESSES	1	8	—	0	10
DUCHESSSES	2	0	—	1	0
WELSH RAGS	3	0	—	2	0
QUEENS	3	0	—	2	0
IMPERIALS	2	6	—	2	0
PATENT SLATE	2	6	—	2	0

The DOUBLES are so called from their small size. These are made from the fragments of the larger qualities, as they are sorted, respectively.

The LADIES are made up from fragments, as above, in pieces that will square up to the size of such a description of slate.

COUNTESSES are in size the next gradation above *ladies*; and DUCHESSES still larger.

SLATE is extracted from the quarries in the same manner as other stony substances; that is, by making perforations between its beds, into which gunpowder is placed and fused. This opens and divides the beds of the slate, which the quarry-men remove in large blocks. These blocks are afterwards split by wedges of iron, driven between their layers, which separate the blocks into such scantlings as may be required. When slate is to be exported in this state, its edges are sawn to the sizes ordered; for it is not necessary to use the saw to the horizontal stratum of the slate, as that can be divided nearly as correct by the ready method above-mentioned.

The works in Wales, for sawing slate, are furnished with excellent machinery, which is set in motion either by steam or by water, and keeps in action a vast number of saws, each sawing the scantlings of slate into pieces adapted to their respective purposes.

The IMPERIAL SLATING, for roofs, is particularly neat, and is known by having its lower edge sawn; whereas all the other slates, used for covering, are only chipped square on their edges.

PATENT SLATING is so called, among the slaters, from the peculiar mode of laying it on roofs, but we are not aware of any patent for it being ever obtained. It was first brought into notice by the late James Wyatt, Esq. the architect of our late revered king, George the Third. Patent slating may be laid on rafters of much less elevation than any other kind of slating; it is considerably lighter; because the breadths of the laps are much less than the slates adopted for the common sort of slating. Patent slating was originally composed of slates called the *Welsh Rags*, but at the present time it is composed of the *Imperials*, which are lighter, and much neater in appearance.

On the WESTMORELAND SLATE, some experiments were made by Dr. Watson, the late Bishop of Llandaff, whence it appears that there is very little

difference in the natural composition of this kind of slate and that of Wales. The Bishop's comparison of their absolute weight, as compared with the weight of other materials made use of as a covering to buildings, may be of great utility, inasmuch as it may tend towards forming a datum for adding to, or diminishing from, the quantity of timber employed in roofs of different spans and elevations. "That sort of slate," says his lordship, "other circumstances being the same, is esteemed the best, which imbibes the least water; for the imbibed water not only increases the weight of the covering, but, in frosty weather, being converted into ice, it swells and shivers the slate. This effect of the frost is very sensible in tiled houses, but it is scarcely felt in slated ones; for good slate imbibes but little water; and, when tiles are well glazed they are rendered, in some measure, with respect to this point, similar to slate." He adds, "I took a piece of Westmoreland slate and a piece of common tile, and weighed each of them carefully: the surface of each was about thirty square inches; both the pieces were immersed in water for ten minutes, and then taken out and weighed as soon as they had ceased to drip, and it was found that the tile had imbibed about one-seventh part of its weight of water, and the slate had not imbibed a two-hundredth part of its weight. Indeed the wetting of the slate was merely superficial, while the tile, in some measure, became saturated with the water. I then placed both the wet pieces before the fire; in a quarter of an hour's time the slate was become quite dry, and of the same weight it had before it was put into the water; but the tile had lost only about twelve grains of the water it had imbibed, which was, as near as could be expected, the same quantity that had been spread on its surface; for it was this quantity only which had been imbibed by the slate, the surface of which was equal to that of the tile. The tile was left to dry in a room heated to 60° of Fahrenheit, and it did not lose all the water imbibed in less than six days." He adds, further, "that the finest sort of Westmoreland slate is sold at Kendal at 3s. 6d. per load, which will amount to 1l. 15s. per ton, the load weighing two hundred weight. The coarser sort may be had at 2s. 4d. a load, or 1l. 3s. 4d. per ton. Thirteen loads of the finest sort will cover forty-two square yards of roofing, and eighteen loads of the coarsest will cover the same quantity;

so that there is half a ton less weight put upon forty-two square yards of roofs, when the finest sort of slate is used, than if it was covered with the coarsest kind, and the difference of expense only three shillings and sixpence." It must be remarked, that this slate owes its lightness, not so much to any diversity in the component parts of the stone from which it is split, as to the thinness to which the workmen reduce it, and it is not so well calculated to resist violent winds as that which is heavier.

COMPARISON IN WEIGHT OF THE SUNDRY COVERINGS EMPLOYED ON ROOFS.

A *Common Plain Tile* weighs thirty-seven ounces, and they are used, at a medium, seven hundred to cover a single square of roof of one hundred superficial feet.

A *Pan-tile* weighs seventy-six ounces, or four pounds and three-quarters, and one hundred and eighty are required to lay on a single square of roof.

Both the plain and pan tiles are commonly bedded in mortar; indeed the former cannot be well laid on a roof without it. The mortar used may be about one-fourth of the weight of the tiles.

COMMON LEAD or COPPER, for covering roofs, generally requires seven pounds of the former, and seven ounces of the latter, for each superficial foot. A square of one hundred feet covered with the above materials stand relatively thus:

	<i>cwt. grs. lbs.</i>		
For Copper, per square.....	0	3	16
Lead.....	6	1	0
Fine Slate.....	6	0	21
Coarser ditto.....	8	1	8
Plain Tiles.....	18	0	0
Pan-Tiles.....	9	2	0

Hence a careful builder may select such a covering as his building may be best adapted to support.

OF THE MANNER OF LAYING SLATES.

ALL kinds of slate have a *lap* of each joint, generally equal to one-third of the length of the slate. The largest slates are reserved for the eaves. The slater, first picking and examining the slates to discover the strongest and squarest end, holds the slate over the edge of a small block of wood, cuts one of its edges straight, and having gauged the other thereby, cuts off that also; and, making two small holes on its opposite side, finishes the slate for the roof. All quarry slates require this preparation from the slater. The above holes are for the reception of the nails intended to fasten the slates to the roof. The copper and zinc nails are esteemed the best. When iron nails are used, they should be previously put into a tub of fluid white lead, till they are completely covered, and then left to dry. Iron nails, plated with tin, have lately been introduced, and are much cheaper than copper ones.

A base or floor is laid for receiving the slates. Boarding is essential for Doubles and Ladies, and this should be laid with even joints and well nailed down to the rafters. Then the slater, having provided himself with slips of wood, two inches and a half wide and one inch thick on one side, and chamfered away to an arris on the other, nails down these *tilting fillets*, as they are called, beginning with the hips, then the sides, eaves, and ridge. He next lays the eaves, setting their lower edge to a line, and nails them down to the boarding. A bond is then formed to the under sides of the eave, by placing another row under, so as to cross all the joints; this row is not nailed, but tightly pushed up and left dependent for support on the pressure of those above them and their own weight on the boarding. The slater then draws a straight line on the upper part of the row laid for a bond, and lays another course of slate crossing the joints of the other, and nails them down even with the line marked. This process is repeated till the whole roof is finished. All the larger kinds of slate may be made to lay upon battens, which saves an expense of about twenty shillings per square. A *batten* is a narrow piece of deal, about two inches and a half or three

inches wide. For *Countesses* the battens may be about three-quarters of an inch thick, but for the larger kind of slate they should be an inch. The slater is the fittest person to lay them, as he may thus suit the length of his slates, and other particulars, which he best understands. This is the general method of laying all kinds of slate, except the *patent slating*.

The PATENT SLATING, so called, consists of the largest slates of an uniform thickness; *Imperials* are now generally taken. Neither battens nor boarding is required for these slates; but the common rafters should be left loose on the purlins, so that a rafter may be fixed under each of the meeting joints of the rows of slates. The work of covering is then performed, as above described, except that no bond is required, the slates being laid uniformly, and screwed down by two or three strong one and a half inch screws at each end into the rafters beneath.

Filleting is now commenced, which consists in covering the meeting-joints with fillets of slates, bedded in putty, and screwing them down through the whole into the rafters. These fillets are then neatly pointed up with more putty, and then painted, to resemble the slates. The hips and ridges of roofs are sometimes filleted, but lead is preferable. The Patent Slating may thus be laid, perfectly water-tight, with a rise of two inches in one foot of a rafter.

These are the general modes of laying slates; and for peculiar neatness they are sometimes laid in a lozenge form, but as, in this form, only one nail can be used to each slate, thus laid they soon become dilapidated.

The SLATERS' TOOLS are the *Saixe*, *Ripper*, *Hammer*, *Shaving-Tool*, and various kinds of *Chisels*, *Gauges*, and *Files*.

The SAIXE is of steel, and not unlike a large knife, except having on its back a piece of iron, projecting about three inches, and drawn sharp to a point. It has a handle of beech, and is used for chipping and cutting slates.

The RIPPER is formed of iron, about the same length as the Saixe, with a very thin blade, tapering towards the top, where a round head projects about half an inch, with two little notches at the intersection of one with the other.

This tool is used for lifting up and removing the nails out of old slating, when it is to be repaired.

The HAMMER differs but little from the common tool of the same name, except that the upper portion of the driving part is higher and bent towards the handle, so as to form a claw, by having a notch in its centre. It is used for extracting nails that do not drive satisfactorily.

The SHAVING TOOL consists of a blade of iron, about eleven inches long and two wide, sharpened at one of its ends, like a chisel, and mortised into two round wooden handles. It is used for smoothing the surface or face of a slate, for skirtings, floors of balconies, &c.

The CHISELS, GAUGES, and FILES, need no description. They are used for finishing the better parts of the slater's work, as mouldings, chimney-pieces, skirtings, casings, &c.

The STRENGTH of SLATE to Portland Stone has been calculated to be as five to one, and consequently slate should be used where lightness is required combined with strength.

VALUATION OF SLATERS' WORK.

SLATERS' work is measured by Surveyors by the square of 100 feet superficial. Besides the nett dimensions of their work, slaters are allowed six inches for eaves, and four for hips, for common slating; and nine inches in addition for rags or imperials. Slating for roofing may be averaged thus per square.

	£.	s.	d.
Doubles	2	2	0
Countesses	2	12	6
Welsh Rags and Imperials	3	13	6
Westmoreland	4	14	6

Slaters' work, for galleries, varies, according to the mouldings, from 4*s.* 6*d.* to 5*s.* 6*d.* per foot superficial; skirtings and facings from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 2*s.* per foot. Chimney-pieces, &c. are sold at so much per piece.

EXPLANATION OF THE TERMS USED IN SLATING.

BACK OF A SLATE.—The upper side of it.

BACKER.—A narrow slate put on the back of a broad square-headed slate when the slates begin to get narrow.

BED OF A SLATE.—The lower side of it.

BOND OR LAP OF A SLATE.—The distance between the nail of the under slate, and the lower end of the upper slate.

EAVE.—The skirt or lower part of the slating hanging over the naked of the wall.

HOLING.—The piercing of slates for the admission of nails.

MARGIN OF A COURSE.—Those parts of the backs of the slates exposed to the weather.

NAILS.—Pointed iron, or copper, or zinc, of a pyramidal form, for fastening the slates to the laths or boarding. They are commonly of the description or shape of Clout-nails.

PATENT SLATES.—Those which are used without boarding, and screwed to the rafters, with slips of slates, bedded in putty, to cover the joints.

SCANTLE.—A gauge by which slates are regulated to their proper length.

SORTING.—Regulating slates to their proper length by means of the scantle.

SQUARING.—Cutting or paring the sides and bottom of the slates.

TAIL.—The bottom or lower end of the slate.

TRIMMING.—Cutting or paring the side and bottom edges of a slate, the head of the slate never being cut.

CHAPTER XII.

PLUMBERY, OR PLUMBING.

THE ART of PLUMBERY comprehends the practice of casting and laying sheet-lead, with the making and forming of pumps, cisterns, reservoirs, water-closets, &c.

The ductility of the metal in which he works enables the Plumber to effect his operations by means of tools, few in number and simple in construction. Of these the principal are as follow :

A HAMMER, which is made of iron, and which differs from the one in common use only in being somewhat heavier.

A JACK-PLANE, which is similar to that used by carpenters, and employed by the plumbers for smoothing the rough parts of the edges of sheet lead.

The TRYING-PLANE is similar to the carpenter's instrument of the same name ; and is used for trying or finishing the edges of sheet lead, when they have been already smoothed by the jack-plane.

A CHALK-LINE is a line which, being rubbed on chalk, is used for marking out the lead into the different widths which may be required.

The DRESSING and FLATTING TOOL is made of beech, about eighteen inches long, and two and a half square ; planed smooth on one side, and rounded into an arch on the other. It is used for stretching out and flattening the sheet lead, or dressing it into any required shape.

MALLETS are similar to those of the carpenter, and are of various sizes to suit different kinds of work.

GLASING or HEATING IRONS are of various sizes, generally about twelve inches long and tapering at both ends; the handle end being turned quite round, that it may be held firmly in the hand, and the opposite end spherical or of a spindle shape. They are used red-hot in soldering.

LADLES are of three or four different sizes, and are used for melting the solder.

CHISELS are of various sizes, according to the purposes to which they are applied.

GAUGES also vary in size according to their uses.

CUTTING KNIVES are of various sizes, and are used for dividing sheet lead at the mark left by the chalk-line.

FILES are likewise of various sizes. The name points out their use.

The MEASURING RULE is two feet in length, and is divided into three equal parts. Two of these legs are of box-wood, duodecimally divided, and the third of slow tempered steel. Its name points out its use.

CENTRE-BITS are of various sizes, according to the perforation they are intended to make.

COMPASSES are used for striking out circular portions of lead.

These are the principal tools; but the plumber must also be provided with weights and scales, as most of his work is charged by the weight.

LEAD, the metal in which the plumber chiefly works, is distinguished for its durability, malleability, and other properties, which render it of the highest importance. It is of a bluish-white colour, and, when newly melted, very bright, but it soon becomes tarnished by exposure to the air. Its specific gravity is 11,3523. It may be reduced, by the hammer, to very thin plates, and may also be drawn out into wire; but its tenacity is not great if compared with many of the other metals. A lead wire of one hundred and twentieth of an inch diameter is capable of supporting 18·4 pounds only without breaking.

Lead melts when heated to the temperature of 612° of Fahrenheit, and when a stronger heat is applied it boils and evaporates. If it be cooled slowly, it crystallizes. When exposed to the air it soon loses its lustre, and

acquires at first a dirty grey colour; and, finally, by corrosion, its surface becomes almost white.

When taken from the mines, lead is almost always combined with sulphur, and hence it is called a *sulphuret*. The operation of *roasting* the ore, or *smelting*, consists:—1st. In picking up the mineral, to separate the unctuous, rich, or pure, ore, from the stony matrix, and other impurities. 2d. In pounding the picked ore under the stampers. 3d. In washing the pulverized ore to carry off the matrix by the water. 4th. In roasting the mineral in a reverberatory furnace, taking care to stir it, in order to facilitate the evaporation of the sulphur. When the surface begins to have the consistence of paste, it is covered with charcoal; the mixture is shaken, the fire increased, and the lead then flows down on all sides to the bottom of the basin of the furnace, from which it is drawn off into moulds or patterns, prepared to receive it.

The moulds are made so as to take a charge of metal equal to one hundred and fifty-four pounds; these are called, in commerce, *pigs*, or *pigs of lead*.

The plumbers use lead in sheets of two kinds; the one called *cast*, and the other *milled lead*. The cast lead is used for the purpose of covering the flat roofs and terraces of buildings, forming gutters, lining reservoirs, &c. In architecture it is technically divided into 5, $5\frac{1}{2}$, 6, $6\frac{1}{2}$, 7, $7\frac{1}{2}$, 8, $8\frac{1}{2}$, lbs. cast-lead; by which is understood, that every foot superficial of such cast-lead is to contain one or other of these weights; so that an architect, when directing a plumber to cover or line a place with cast sheet-lead, tells the workman that it is to be done with 6 or 7lb. lead; meaning by it, that he expects each foot superficial of the metal to be equal in weight to six, seven, or other, number of pounds.

CASTING.—Every plumber, who conducts business to any extent, casts his sheet-lead at home; this he does from the pigs, or from old metal, or both. To perform this he provides a copper, well fixed in masonry, and placed at one end of his *casting-shop*, near to the *mould* or *casting-table*. The casting-table is, generally, in its form, a parallelogram, well jointed, and bound with iron at the ends, and varying in its size from six feet in width to eighteen or more feet in length. It is raised from the ground so high as to be about six or seven inches below the top of the copper, which contains

the metal, and stands on strongly framed legs, so as to be very steady and firm. The top of the table is lined with deal boarding, laid firmly and very even, and it has a rim projecting upwards, four or five inches all round. At the end of the table, nearest to the copper, a box, called the *Pan*, is adapted, which box is equal in length to the width of the table; at the bottom is a long horizontal slit, for the heated metal to issue from. This box moves upon rollers along the edges of the projecting rim of the table, and is set in motion by ropes and pulleys, fixed to beams over the table. So soon as the metal is found to be adequately heated, the bottom of the table is covered by a smooth stratum of dry and clean sand. These boxes are made to contain as much melted lead as will cast the whole of the sheet at the same time, and the slit in the bottom is adjusted so as to let through a sufficient quantity to cover it completely, of the thickness and weight per foot required. When the box has dispersed its contents upon the table, it is suffered to cool and congeal; after which it is rolled up and removed away. Other sheets are made in succession till all the melted metal in the copper be cast up.

The sheets thus formed, when rolled up, are weighed; as it is by the weight that the price is adjusted.

The other kind of sheet-lead made use of by plumbers, and called MILLED LEAD, is not manufactured at home, it being purchased of the lead merchant, as it is commonly cast and prepared at the ore and roasting furnaces. It is very thin, its weight being not more than four pounds in the foot superficial. Milled Lead is used by architects for covering the hips and ridges of roofs, or any part exposed either to great wear and tear, or to the effects of the sun. It is laminated in sheets of about the same size as that of cast sheet-lead; and, in the operation of making it, a laminating-roller is used, or a flatting-mill, which reduces it to the state in which it is used.

SOLDER is used for uniting the joints of leaden work, and it should more readily acquire a state of fusion than the metal intended to be soldered thereby, and be of the same colour. The solder generally made use of by the plumber is called *soft solder*, and is made of tin and lead, in equal parts, fused together, and run into moulds not unlike a common gridiron. In this state it is purchased of the manufacturer by the plumber, at so much per pound.

LAYING SHEET-LEAD.—The ground for sheet-lead, whether it be of plaster or of boards, should be perfectly even, otherwise the work will be bad, unsightly, and liable to crack. The sheets not being more than six feet in width, make it necessary that they should sometimes be joined. This is performed either by *seams* or *rolls*. The seams are formed by bending the two edges of the lead up and then over each other, and then dressing them down close. The rolls are formed by fastening a piece of wood, about two inches square, under the joints of the lead, and dressing one of the edges of the lead over the roll on the inside, and the other edge over both of them on the outside, and then fastening them down by hammering. Soldering is sometimes used for joining two sheets, but no good plumber would recommend it, as it always cracks after being exposed to one summer's sun. All sheet-lead is laid with a *current* to keep it dry. This is done by the carpenter raising the boarding about one-half or a quarter of an inch to every foot upon which the lead is laid.

DRIPS ON FLATS or GUTTERS are formed also as in the preceding manner, and by dressing the joints of the lead as described for rolls. This is used to avoid solder, and keep the work dry.

FLASHINGS are pieces of milled lead, about eight or nine inches wide, and are fixed round the extreme edge of a flat or gutter, in which lead has been used. One edge is dressed over the lead of the flat or gutter, and the other fastened, either by passing it into the joints of brick-work, or by means of wall-hooks.

The **PIPES** used by the plumber are of various sizes and descriptions. The small sizes are called by their calibre, or bore, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{3}{4}$, and 2, inch pipes. Pipes below $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch calibre are charged by the foot run, and the larger size sometimes by the hundred weight.

Socket Pipes are those which are used for conveying superfluous water from roofs, &c., and are called 3, $3\frac{1}{2}$, 4, or 5-inch. They are generally made of milled lead, in lengths of eight or ten feet, dressed on a rounded core of wood, and fastened at the vertical joint with solder. The horizontal joints are formed by an astragal-moulding, in a separate piece of lead, about two or three inches wide, which laps completely over it, both above and below the joint, and hence it is called a *lap-joint*. Two broad pieces of lead, called

tacks, are attached to the back lap-joints and spread out, right and left, for fastening the pipes to the wall by means of wall-hooks of iron. The *cistern-head*, which is fixed at the head of rain-water pipes, is either made of sheet-lead or cast in a mould, and is fastened by tacks, as above.

RESERVOIRS are generally formed of wood, or masonry, lined with sheet-lead united with solder.

PUMPS, made by the plumber, may be divided into *Sucking*, *Lifting*, and *Forcing*, *Pumps*. The last is now but little used.

The *Sucking-Pump* consists of two pipes, the barrel and suction-pipe, the latter being smaller in diameter. These are joined by flanches, filled with leather, and pierced with holes, to fasten them with screw-bolts. The lower end of the suction-pipe is spread out to facilitate the entry of the water, and it frequently has a grating to keep out filth or gravel. The working barrel is cylindrical, and as evenly bored as is practicable, to give the piston the least possible friction.

The *Piston* is generally made of wood, in the form of a truncated cone, the small end being cut off at the sides, so as to form a kind of an arch, by which it is fastened to the iron-rod or spindle. The two ends of the conical part may be hooped with brass, and the larger end of the cone uniformly surrounded with leather to some distance below its base. This leather band should be sufficiently large to render the piston air-tight, without causing much friction. This is the pump which is generally used for raising water for the common purposes of life.

The *Lifting-Pump* consists, as in the former, of a working-barrel, which is closed at both ends. The piston is solid, and its rod passes through a collar of leather in the plate, which closes the upper end of the working-barrel. The barrel communicates laterally with the suction-pipe, and above with the rising main. This pump differs from the preceding only in having two valves, the lower one moveable and the upper one fixed.

The *Forcing Pump* consists of a working-barrel, a suction-pipe, and *serving-main*, or raising-pipe. The last is usually in three parts, the first consisting of one piece, and making part of the working-barrel; the second is joined to it by flanches forming an elbow with it; and the third is the be-

ginning of the main, and is continued to where the water is delivered, where it is furnished with two moveable valves. The perfection of the barrel and piston of this pump is so great, as to require neither wadding nor leather. It is used for forcing water to any great height.

There are two or three other kinds of pumps which require a short description, and they are as follows:—

Mixed Pumps are formed by combining the principles of the forcing and sucking-pumps together: when the lower valve of a forcing-pump is above the surface of the water it can raise it only by suction, the manufacture remaining as before. The mechanism of a pump may be employed for converting the weight of water descending in its barrel so as to work another pump.

The *Spiral Pump* is formed by winding a pipe round a cylinder with an horizontal axis, and then connecting one end with a vertical tube, while the other is at liberty to turn round and receive water and air at each revolution. Such a pump is said to be able to raise a hogshead of water in one minute 74 feet high, through a pipe 760 feet long.

The *Water Screw Pump* consists either of a pipe wound spirally round a cylinder; or of one or more spiral excavations, formed by means of spiral projections, from an internal cylinder covered by an external coating, so as to be water-tight. These pumps are used for removing water out of the foundations of bridges, and for supplying pieces of artificial water, as, by means of the Archimedian screw, in the Royal Gardens, at Kew.

The materials of these pumps are manufactured to almost every required purpose, and thus sold to the plumber, who only puts them together, so as to make them produce their desired effects.

The different parts of *water-closets* are made in a similar way, and sold to the plumber, who places the basin, apparatus, traps, socket-pipe, cistern, and forcing or lifting pump together, so as to put them into action.

Plumbers charge their sheet-lead by the hundred weight, according to prices arranged at intervals by the Warden and Court of Assistants of the Plumbers' Company. Milled lead is two shillings per hundred weight more than the cast-lead.

CHAPTER XIII.

HOUSE-PAINTING.

HOUSE-PAINTING is the art of colouring and covering with paint all the several kinds of wood, iron-work, &c. either as an external finish or for protection from the weather. This practice may be divided into four branches; that is to say, COMMON PAINTING, GRAINING, ORNAMENTAL PAINTING, and INSCRIPTION WRITING.

WHITE LEAD, is the principal ingredient used in house-painting; and this is a calx, obtained by rolling sheets of lead into coils, with their surfaces, about half an inch distant from each other, and then placing them vertically in earthen pots, with a portion of good vinegar at the bottom, in such a way that, when set in a moderate heat, the vapour of the vinegar corrodes the lead, so that the external portion will come off in white flakes when the lead is beaten or uncoiled. These flakes, being bleached, ground, and saturated with linseed oil, form the *white lead* of the shops. This composition, if genuine, improves by keeping, and for the best whites it should be, at least, two or three years old. The Nottingham white lead is the most esteemed for what is called *flatting*, or dead-white. This article is so frequently adulterated with common whiting, that it cannot be too carefully examined, before it be used.

LITHARGE is composed of the ashes of lead, and is a kind of dusky powder that first appears in the oxydation of the lead. It is mixed with linseed oil, and used to give the paint a greater capability of drying quickly.

LINSEED OIL, which is used in every kind of house-paint, is obtained, by pressure, from the seed of flax, and then filtered to free it from feculæ. This oil should be kept for two or three years, that it may precipitate its colouring particles; as the more transparent it is, the better is the paint, of which it forms a component part. In Holland they whiten linseed oil by the following process, which gives it the effect of age. Having put the linseed oil into a well-glazed pot, they add to it fine sand and water, each of the same quantity as the oil, and having covered the vessel with glass, expose it to the sun, and stir it once every day. This process soon renders it very white; after which it should rest for two days, and is then fit for use.

DRYING OILS are usually prepared from litharge, white lead, plaster, and umber, in the following manner: to one pound of linseed oil add half an ounce of each of the above ingredients, and then boil the composition over a gentle fire, taking care to skim it from time to time. When the scum begins to rarify, and becomes red, the fire should be stopped, and the oil left to clarify and settle, when it is fit for use. The scum is called *smudge*, and is used for outside work. Oil, thus prepared, may be bought at colour shops under the name of *boiled oil*, and it is always used for the best house-painting.

OIL OF TURPENTINE, or TURPS, is made from the resin of that name, which is obtained from all larch and fir-trees. *Venice Turpentine* is obtained from the larch, by fixing pipes in a hole made in the trunk, and thus conducting the liquid turpentine into buckets. In this state the turpentine has a yellowish limped colour, a strong aromatic smell, and a bitter taste. When this liquid or juice is distilled, by means of a bath, an oil is obtained, which is called *Essence of Turpentine*. The residue of the distillation is the boiled turpentine of commerce. This oil improves much by age, as the older it is the longer will the work performed with it retain its colour. It is much used in what is generally called *flatting*.

All the prismatic colours are occasionally used by the painter, and he varies these, according to circumstances, into almost every gradation of tint. They may be thus classed:—

RED.	Vermilion,	Red tending to Orange.	GREEN.	Verdigris,		
	Native Cinnabar,			Crystals of ditto,		
	Red-Lead,			Prussian-Green,		
	Scarlet-Ochre,			Terra Verte,		
	Common Indian-Red,		Sap Green.			
	Spanish Brown,		ORANGE.	{	Orange Lake.	
	Terra di Sienna, burnt,					
	Carmine,					
	Lake,					
	Rose-Pink,	PURPLE.	{	True Indian-Red,		
Red-Ochre,	Archil,					
Venetian-Red.			Log-Wash.			
BLUE.	Ultramarine,	Crimson tending to Purple.	BROWN.	Brown Pink,		
	Ditto, ashes,			Bistre,		
	Prussian-Blue,			Brown Ochre,		
	Verditer,			Umber,		
	Indigo,			Cologne Earth,		
	Smalt.			Asphaltum.		
YELLOW.	King's-Yellow,		WHITE.	White-Flake,		
	Naples ditto,			White-Lead,		
	Yellow Ochre,			Calcined Hartshorn,		
	Dutch-Pink,			Pearl White,		
	English ditto,			Tray White,		
	Light ditto,		BLACK.	{	Lamp-Black,	
	Gamboge,					Ivory-Black,
	Masticot,					Blue-Black.
	Common Orpiment,					
	Gall-Stone,					
Terra di Sienna.						

These colours are nearly all that are employed by the house-painter, and are those which experience has taught him to mix so as to produce almost every teint that can be required.

VERMILION is a bright scarlet pigment, formed of common sulphur and quicksilver, prepared for use by a chymical process. It has a delicate body, and will grind as fine as the oil itself, but is too expensive for common use.

CINNABAR is a similar pigment, differing only from vermilion by having a more crimson teint.

RED-LEAD, or MINIUM, is lead calcined till it acquires a proper degree of colour, by exposing it with a large surface to the fire.

SCARLET-OGHRE is an earth, with a base of green vitriol, and is separated from the acid of the vitriol by calcination.

COMMON INDIAN-RED, is of an hue verging to scarlet, and is imported from the East-Indies.

VENETIAN-RED is a native ochre, rather inclining to scarlet; this is the pigment which is selected for graining of doors, &c., in imitation of mahogany.

SPANISH-BROWN is a native earth, found in the very state and colour in which it is used.

TERRA DI SIENNA is a native ochre, and is brought from Italy, where it is generally found. It is yellow originally, and in this state is often made use of, and is accordingly placed among the yellow colours. It changes to an orange-red by calcination, though not of a very bright teint, for which property it is sought to produce a pigment of that colour.

CARMINE is a bright crimson colour, and formed of the tinging substance of cochineal, with nitric-acid. It is not well calculated to mix up with oil, as its colour changes rapidly by exposure to the air and light.

LAKE is a white earthy body, as cuttle fish-bone, or the basis of alum or chalk, tinged with some vegetable dye, such as is obtained from cochineal, or Brasil-wood, taken up by an alkali, and precipitated on the earth by the addition of an acid.

ROSE-PINK is a lake, like the former, except that the earth or basis of the

pigment is principally chalk, and the tinging substance extracted from Brasil or Campeachy wood.

RED-OCBRE is a native earth; but that which is in common use is coloured red by calcination, being yellow when dug out of the earth, and the same with the *yellow-ochre* commonly used. This latter substance is chiefly brought from Oxfordshire, where it is found in great abundance.

ULTRAMARINE is a preparation of calcined *lapis-lazuli*, which is, when perfect, of a brilliant blue colour; it has an extremely beautiful and transparent effect in oil, and will retain this property with whatever vehicle, or pigment, it may be mixed. It is excessively dear, and is frequently sold at the colour shops in an adulterated state.

ULTRAMARINE ASHES are the residuum, or remains, of the calcined *lapis-lazuli*.

PRUSSIAN-BLUE is a brilliant pigment; it is the fixed sulphur of animal or vegetable coal, chymically combined with the earth of alum.

VERDITER is composed of a mixture of chalk with the precipitated copper, formed by adding the due proportion of chalk to the solution of copper, made by the refiners in precipitating silver from the nitric acid, in the operation called *parting*, in which they have occasion to dissolve it in order to purify it.

INDIGO is a tinging matter, extracted from certain plants, which are found in both the Indies, from whence the Indigos of commerce are mostly imported.

SMALT is a species of glass, of a dark blue colour, being coloured with zaffre, or oxyde of cobalt, and afterwards ground to a powder. This beautiful colour carries no body in oil, and can be strewed only upon a ground of white lead.

KING'S-YELLOW is a pure orpiment, or arsenic, coloured with sulphur.

NAPLES-YELLOW is a warm yellow pigment, rather inclining to orange.

YELLOW-OCBRE is a mineral earth, which is found in many places, but of different degrees of purity. See *Red-Ochre*, above.

DUTCH-PINK is a pigment formed of chalk, coloured with the tinging par-

ticles of French berries. It is not well adapted for work in oil, because it fades speedily.

ENGLISH and LIGHT PINK are merely a lighter and coarser kind of Dutch pink.

GAMBOGE is a gum brought from the East-Indies; it is dissolved in water to a milky consistence, and is then of a bright yellow colour.

MASTICOT, as a pigment, is flake-white, or white-lead gently calcined, by which it is changed to a yellow, which varies in tint according to the degree of calcination.

ORPIMENT is a fossil body, of a yellow colour, composed of arsenic and sulphur, frequently with a mixture of lead, and sometimes of other metals.

GALL-STONE is a concretion of earthy matter, formed in the gall-bladder of beasts: it is but little used.

VERDIGRIS is an oxyde of copper, formed by a vegetable acid: it is used in most kinds of painting where green is required.

CRYSTALS of VERDIGRIS is the salt produced by the solution of copper, or common verdigris, in vinegar.

PRUSSIAN-GREEN is, in composition, similar to blue of the same name.

TERRA-VERTE is a native earth; it is of a bluish green colour, resembling the tint called sea-green.

SAP-GREEN is the concreted juice of the buck-thorn berry.

ORANGE-LAKE is the tinging part of anata, or annotto, precipitated together with the earth of alum.

TRUE INDIAN-RED is a native ochrous earth of a purple colour, but so scarce as seldom to be met with at the shops.

ARCHIL is a purple tincture, prepared from a kind of moss.

LOGWOOD is brought from America, and affords a strong purple tincture.

BROWN-PINK is the tinging part of some vegetable, of an orange colour, precipitated upon the earth of alum.

BISTRE is a brown transparent colour of yellowish tint.

BROWN-OGRE is a warm brown or foul orange colour.

COLOGNE EARTH is a fossil substance of a dark blackish brown colour, a little inclining towards purple.

ASPHALTUM is sometimes employed by the painters to answer the end of brown-pink.

WHITE-FLAKE is a ceruse prepared by the acid of the grape.

TROY-WHITE is simply chalk, neutralized by the addition of water in which alum has been dissolved.

LAMP-BLACK is properly the soot of oil collected as it is formed by burning; but, generally, no other than a soot raised from the resinous and fat parts of fir-trees.

IVORY-BLACK is composed of fragments of ivory or bone, burnt to a black coal, in a crucible or vessel, from which all access of air is excluded, and then ground very fine for use.

BLUE-BLACK is the coal of some kind of wood burnt in a close heat, to which the air can have no access.

Of the COMPOUND COLOURS, *Lead colour* is of indigo and white: *Ash colour*, of white-lead and lamp-black: *Stone colour*, white, with a little stone-ochre: *Buff*, yellow-ochre and white-lead: *Light willow green*, verdigris and white: *Grass green*, verdigris and yellow pink: *Carnation*, lake and white: *Orange colour*, yellow-ochre and red-lead: *Light timber colour*, spruce ochre, white, and a little umber: *Brick colour*, red-lead, with a little white and yellow-ochre.

All the simple colours may be bought at the colour shops, either in a crude or prepared state. They are prepared by saturating them with linseed oil or water, as either is to be used with them, and then grinding them on a slab of porphyry, marble, or granite, till they are perfectly levigated.

All colours are derived from either vegetable or mineral substances; but though the former kinds have a more brilliant effect at first, they soon change when exposed to the atmosphere, which the latter never do.

The painters' tools are few in number, being almost entirely brushes. The *pound brush* is made of hogs' hair, and is used as a duster, till the soft part is worn away. This previous wear adapts it better for spreading the colours for which it is afterwards used. The other brushes vary in size according to the work they are intended for.

COMMON HOUSE-PAINTING may be divided into the following kinds:

CLEARCOLE AND FINISH, which is the cheapest kind of painting; it is performed by first dusting and cleaning what is to be painted, and filling up cracks and defects with putty, called *stopping*.

The whole is then painted over with a preparation of whiting and size to form the ground. Over this a coat of oil colour, prepared with lead, called the *finish*, is laid. Where work is not very dirty, this may answer pretty well, but not for outside work.

TWICE IN OIL, means when the work is twice painted over.

THRICE IN OIL, means when the work has been twice painted over with oil-colours, and once in colours prepared in turpentine.

THREE TIMES AND FLAT means three coats of oil colour and one of turpentine. This is generally used for new work.

BRINGING FORWARD is a term applied to priming and painting new wood added to old work, or old work which has been repaired, so that the whole shall appear alike when finished.

GRAINING is the imitating, by means of painting, various kinds of rare woods; as satin-wood, rose-wood, king-wood, mahogany, &c., and likewise various species of marble. For this kind of work the painter is furnished with several camel's-hair pencils, and with one or more *flat* hogs' hair brushes. An even ground is first laid of a composition formed of ceruse, and the colour required diluted with oil of turpentine. This is then left for a day or two to get fixed and dry. The painter then prepares his pallet-board with small quantities of the colour required; and, being furnished with some boiled oil and oil of turpentine mixed together, tries the effects of the teint by spreading it over a panel, and if it suits, perseveres by doing a panel at a time. The shades and graining is then produced by dipping the flat hogs'-hair brushes in the mixture of oil and turpentine, and drawing it down the newly-laid colours. The other particular appearance required is produced by means of the camel's-hair pencil. When all is fixed and dry, the whole is covered with one or two coats of good oil varnish. This kind of painting is not much

dearer than good work in the common way, but it will last ten times as long, by being occasionally re-varnished, without losing any of its freshness.

ORNAMENTAL PAINTING embraces the executing of friezes and the decorative parts of architecture, in chara-obscura, or light and shade, on walls or ceilings. It is performed by first laying a ground of the colour required, then sketching the ornament with a black-lead pencil, and afterwards painting and shading it, so as to give the required effect.

INSCRIPTION WRITING is similar in process to ornamental painting; the painter sketching out the letters in pencil and finishing the outline with colour. If the letters are to be gilt, they are covered with leaf gold, while the paint is wet. After the whole is dry, the superfluous gold is removed with a moist sponge, and the work covered with a coat of good oil varnish.

VALUATION OF PAINTERS' WORK.

PAINTERS' work, in general, is valued at the yard superficial of nine square feet. Sash-frames are valued at per piece, and sash squares at per dozen. Inscription writing is charged by the inch, *viz.* the height of one letter being taken, and multiplied by the whole number of letters, will give the quantity of inches. Shadowed letters are a halfpenny more than plain ones, and gilt letters treble the price. The charges for painting are regulated in London by intelligent surveyors; but, as colours and oils can be purchased at any degree of purity, painting is often done at twenty per cent. less than the prices so regulated; but the value of painters' work, in all cases, depends upon the quality of the materials and goodness of workmanship, and in reference also to the different species of works.

CHAPTER XIV.

GLAZING.

ON glass very little has been communicated in the works of the antients. It, indeed, appears, from the ruins of several Grecian buildings, that they had apertures or windows; and it would seem, from the nature of their construction, they were adapted to receive a frame filled with some transparent substance. In some of the apertures discovered at Pompeii and Herculaneum, squares of amber were found; yet, though many of the Roman authors mention glass, it was so rare as to be employed only in the mansions of the opulent.

BEDE is the first who mentions glass as applied to glazing windows. He likewise informs us that Abbot Benedict was the first who introduced the art of making glass into this kingdom, about the year 669; and, from the specimens that now remain, it is evident that not only the making of glass, but the art of staining it, made rapid strides towards perfection in a very short time after.

Glazing, as now practised, embraces the cutting of glass, and fixing it into sashes of wood or casements of lead; and likewise the ornamenting of windows with stained glass.

Plain coloured glass may frequently be used with a very pleasing effect, and is very little more expensive than good common glass. Coloured glass is charged by the pound; Claude Lorraine, green, red, &c., at about six or seven shillings, and blues somewhat more.

Glazing in lead-work is of the most antient description; sashes being of modern date. These sashes are formed with a groove or rebate, on the back of their cross and vertical bars, for the reception of the glass, which the glazier cuts to its proper size, and beds in the composition called *putty*.

PUTTY is made of pounded whiting, beat up, with linseed oil, into a tough tenacious cement. When used for mahogany frames, a little red-ochre is mixed with it to suit the colour of the wood.

The beauty of glazing depends principally on the colour of the glass. Glaziers now use chiefly what is called *crown glass*, which is divided into three kinds, called *firsts*, *seconds*, and *thirds*, according to their qualities, on which its value depends. The glass is bought by the crate, which consists of twelve tables of the best, fifteen of the seconds, and eighteen of the thirds. These tables are each about three feet in diameter. A crate of the best glass is valued at about four guineas; of the seconds, about three; and the thirds, two guineas. The crown glass manufactured at Newcastle and its neighbourhood is esteemed the best: the prices of glass are various.

GREEN-GLASS is another sort, much used for common purposes, being not more than half the price of the crown-glass. From many old windows, it appears that this kind of glass was the most antient made use of.

WAVED PLATE-GLASS is very thick and strong, presenting an uneven surface, as if indented all over with wires, so as to leave the intermediate spaces in the form of lozenges; it was formerly much used in counting-houses, &c. to prevent the inconvenience of being overlooked; but though it has lately been superseded by ground-glass, it is still to be obtained in London.

Ground or Rough Glass is used for the same purpose as the above, and is no other than the common crown glass, rendered opaque by having its polish taken off, and rubbing it with sand and water or emery.

PLATE-GLASS is the most beautiful glass made use of, being nearly colourless, and sufficiently thick to admit being polished in the highest degree. The tables of this glass will admit of pieces being taken out of them much larger than can be obtained from any other kind of glass. The British Plate-Glass Company, in Albion-Place, London, is the most celebrated depot

for this species. There it is sold by the inch, in proportion to its size, the value increasing accordingly. Though the expense of this glass, by far, exceeds that of any other, yet is now so much preferred, as to be used in many shop-windows in the leading streets.

GERMAN SHEET is another species of glass much esteemed, and would be superior to the preceding, had it not a disagreeable appearance, from being very wavy or uneven.

BOHEMIAN PLATE-GLASS is similar to the above, only possessing a red tint; and though much used about thirty years ago, it is now quite rejected.

GLAZIERS value their work by feet, inches, and parts, according to the size of the panes, or squares, employed. The charges are regulated by the Master, Wardens, and Court-Assistants of the Company of Glaziers, and at present run thus :

			s.	d.
Best crown,	not exceeding 3 feet,	per square	3	10
Ditto,	ditto 2 ft. 6 in.,	ditto	3	4
Ditto,	ditto 2 ft.	ditto	3	2
Ditto,	under 2 ft.	ditto	3	0

Seconds of the same dimensions are about ten per cent. cheaper; and

Thirds, of similar dimensions, are 10 per cent. cheaper than the seconds.

Green glass is the cheapest, never exceeding eighteen pence per foot.

The price of all kinds of bent glass, for circular and other windows, varies according to the size, the trouble of obtaining it, and fitting it in.

Cottage and some kinds of church windows are glazed in squares, or other figures, in leaden rebates, which are cast and drawn for the purpose, and soldered together at the interstices. This leaden work is of various sizes, according to the strength required, and is used instead of the cross bars of sashes. The grooves left in it for the glass have their cheeks sufficiently soft to be pressed down all round to admit the glass, and again raised up, when the glass has been put in, to keep it firm. Such windows are strengthened by vertical and cross bars of iron, with bands, which, having

been soldered to the lead, are twisted round the iron. In cottage windows the bars, instead of being of iron, are often of wood.

Glaziers formerly cut their glass out with an instrument called a *grozing-iron*; but this process was not only tedious but difficult, and has therefore been entirely superseded by the introduction of the diamond, which is as complete a tool for the purpose as can possibly be required. This instrument consists of a diamond spark, in its natural *unpolished* state, fixed in lead, and fastened to a handle of some hard wood by means of a brass ferrule. The handle is about the size of a moderate drawing pencil. The diamond is the principal working tool of the glazier. His other tools are a rule and several small *straight edges*. The former is divided into thirty-six parts, or inches, and is used for dividing the tables of glass into any required size. The straight edges are merely thin pieces of some hard wood, about two inches wide, and one quarter of an inch thick, and are used for the diamond to work against. Glaziers are likewise furnished with *stopping knives*, which resemble dinner knives, with the blade reduced to about three inches in length, and ground away on each side of its edges to an apex. They are used for bedding the glass in the rebates, and for spreading and smoothing the putty.

A Hacking-out Tool is an old broken knife, ground sharp on its edge, and used for removing old putty out of the rebates, which are to be filled with new squares of glass.

The glazier's hammer is similar to the smaller kinds used by other artificers.

Glaziers are also furnished with a pair of compasses, which has one of its legs formed with a socket to receive the handle of the diamond, for drawing and cutting out any peculiar shapes of glass for fan-lights, &c.

GOOD GLAZING requires that the glass be cut full into the rebates; for, when too small or too large, it is liable to be broken by the least pressure within, or even the wind from without: moreover, the putty should never project beyond the line of wood in the inside, and large squares should be further secured by small sprigs being driven into the rebates of the sash, and covered over with another coat of putty.

The business of a glazier includes the cleaning of windows, and this forms no inconsiderable portion of the trade in London; some masters keeping one or two men constantly employed therein. The charge is regulated by the number of windows cleaned, and the number of squares in each frame. Windows, exceeding twelve squares, are charged at from 6*d.* to 8*d.* per dozen, the large squares of French sashes being raised about one-third more. The master-glazier takes upon himself the risk of windows being broken by his men, when employed in cleaning them.

In many parts of the United Kingdom it is the custom to measure all the wood-work appertaining to the sashes, for the quantities of glass contained in the respective squares; also, the lead-work. And such is the prejudice in favour of the practice in some places, that if any intelligent person was to attempt to reason them out of it, he would be considered a most inequitable valuator, and unworthy of being countenanced. Time and concurring circumstances, it is presumed, may, at some period or other, equalize our customs, weights, and measures; but until that period arrives, the system of valuation must be dependent upon local customs. The net quantities of glass should, in all cases, be measured, except in circular fan-lights and similar works, where the glass should be measured in the widest part; and because the pieces cut off to make the glass fit the apertures can be considered only as waste glass, the price or allowance for which is not embraced in the value charged by the glazier for his glass so consumed.

CHAPTER XV.

OF BUILDING IN GENERAL.

HAVING already treated on the component parts of Building, under the respective heads of CARPENTRY, MASONRY, BRICKLAYING, &c., we shall now attempt to give a GENERAL VIEW OF THE SUBJECT; and, that the reader may be enabled to follow us, in fully comprehending our description, we shall explain, methodically, those technical terms, used by architects and builders, which require to be previously understood; and then present the various parts of a building, in their natural order, with such remarks as may be practically useful.

To those who, by practice and experience, are already acquainted with the subject, such an arrangement and explanation cannot but be agreeable; and to those who do not possess such advantage, this mode of proceeding will be found materially useful, as it will imperceptibly and effectually conduct them to an acquaintance with the most prominent features of the art.

The student is presumed, of course, to be acquainted with the geometrical parts of this work; and, more particularly, all the *definitions* of *superfices* and *solids*. This information is indispensable, as the parts of a building are either the simple forms of some one geometrical solid, or compounded of portions of several: and, although the forms of objects are most easily understood by a reference to such as we have been accustomed to see, yet, as the same forms are not known to all classes of men under the same names, the language of geometry is the only language which can be employed to convey ideas of magnitude, form, and position.

In speaking of *Length* and *Breadth*, as applied to any object fixed to the horizon, as a building, we mean such dimensions as are measured in an horizontal plane. *Depth* is the distance which some part recedes from a surface, without regard to the position of that surface. *Height* is estimated in a vertical line; that is, in a line perpendicular to the horizon.

Rooms are the interior vacuities or habitable parts of a building. They must be closed on all sides for security, lodging, and comfort, and for all manner of purposes to which they may be applied. For the convenience of entering rooms, or of passing from one room to another, apertures should be made on one or more sides, which may be closed at pleasure, by means of moveable parts known by the name of *doors*.

Rooms are disposed one above another, or by the side of each other, as may be found convenient. One side of every room must be an horizontal plane, for the convenience of walking upon, and for placing various articles of furniture in the most secure position; this side is denominated the *floor*. When several rooms are placed side by side of each other, the *passages* or communications will be most conveniently effected when all the floors are on the same level.

Again, for the convenience of the inhabitants, and to add to the strength of the building, not only the exterior, but likewise every side, of a room which appertains to the floor, should be carried to a certain height from it, in a line perpendicular to the horizon. Hence, it is clear the floor must be in a straight line, and the side thus carried up must be a plane surface.

The solid parts contained between the vertical surfaces are the *walls*. The remaining sides, opposed to the floor, are denominated the *ceilings*. The latter parts may have such forms which the materials employed in the construction will admit of. The forms of many parts of buildings are altogether arbitrary, as to their use; they are, therefore, determined by the ideas of economy or beauty; upon such principles as these the formation of ceilings are regulated. If economy be the chief object, the ceiling is a plane surface as well as the floor; and hence, when several rooms are placed one over the other, with plane ceilings, the surfaces of the solid, contained between the floor and the ceiling of the room below, are parallel planes.

Keeping the same object in view, the surface of walls will not only be planes, but they will also be parallel to each other, and equally thick throughout. The forms of walls are determined by the line upon which they rise from the ground: thus, if the line be straight, the wall is called a *straight wall*; or, if it be circular, the wall is said to be *circular*, and so on.

Straight walls are generally built; circular walls occasionally; but those of other forms are elliptic, &c., but they seldom occur in the common practice of building, at least in exterior walls.

A wall which divides one apartment from another, is called a *partition* or *division wall*.

When two walls form an external or internal angle, the line of concourse made by the two sides is termed an external or internal *quoin*, or an external or internal angle.

To combine strength and stability with economy in an edifice, the walls, as they rise, should diminish in thickness; keeping in view that a straight line, ascending from any point of one of the surfaces, ought not to fall without that surface. If the line thus ascending fall entirely within the solid mass, the face of the wall is said to *batter*; and the horizontal distance between the vertical line, ascending from any point in the line terminating the upper extremity of that surface, and the line terminating the lower extremity of the same, is called the *battering of the wall*. The exterior surfaces of walls are generally executed in planes perpendicular to the horizon. When the face of a wall is not one entire or continued surface, or when it is formed by two or more continued surfaces, each rising from the horizontal base which forms the top part of the wall below; the part thus connecting the two surfaces is called an *off-set*.

When a house consists of several apartments one above another, each apartment, or as many as may be on one floor, is called a *story*; and when each story of a house has a number of apartments, the aggregate of the apartments on each story is called a *suite of apartments*, that is, when the rooms are connected by folding or other sorts of doors.

When a building consists of two or more stories, it is usual to diminish the walls from the inside faces, by breaking each side into several surfaces, so

that the off-sets may be immediately under the ceilings; the sets-off thus made will not only prevent them from being seen, but will also afford a secure support to the floors. Hence, also, the floors extending from one side of the building to the opposite side, will tie the walls firmly together, and prevent them either from spreading or approaching towards each other.

The exterior walls of a building are not only connected by the floors, but likewise by the division or partition walls.

The distance between the two nearest surfaces of parallel and opposite walls is called the *span*, or between external walls, the *span of the building*.

The exterior parts of a house, by which its upper extremities terminate and extend over the area of each of its floors, in order to protect and secure the interior, is denominated the *roof*.

The forms of roofs are various, and depend upon the nature of the climate, and prevailing custom of the country. Flat roofs were mostly used by the antients; but the Greeks, from their country being at times exposed to heavy rains, soon perceived the inconvenience of flat or horizontal roofs. They accordingly constructed their roofs in two inclined rectangular planes, sloping from the middle towards the sides, and inclining equally to the horizon, so as to terminate each wall in an isosceles triangle with an horizontal base. The proportion of the height of this triangle to its base was in the ratio of one to eight, or one to nine; or, speaking technically, the height was one-eighth, or one-ninth, part of the span.

The Romans, who had still more occasion than the Greeks to provide for the speedy discharge of rain from their houses, did not alter the Grecian form of the roof, but varied its proportion, making the height of their roofs from one-fifth to two-ninths of the span. After the decline of the Roman Empire, high-pitched roofs were very generally introduced; the standard form being that of an equilateral triangle. No part of the practice of building has been more the object of caprice than the proportions of the roof. Even in the present day, we meet with almost every variety of proportion which can subsist between the height of the roof and its span. In ordinary dwellings the height varies from one-third to one-fourth part of the span; in other

cases, the proportion depends upon the taste of the architect and the style of the building.

Roofs that are high-pitched discharge rain and snow more quickly than those which are lower; they are less liable to be stripped of their covering by the wind, and the rain is not so easily blown through their joints; but they are more expensive than low roofs, as they require longer timbers, and a greater quantity of covering. But, though low roofs possess the advantage in point of economy, they require large slates and greater care in the execution.

Apertures built in walls for the admission of light are called *windows*. Those for egress and regress are termed *door-ways*. The framed work for closing the aperture is called *the door*. The surfaces which surround the aperture, and which are contained within the two surfaces of the wall, are called the *sides of the aperture*. The lowest side of every aperture is termed the *sill*, and is always parallel to the horizon; the two sides which spring upwards from the sill are called the *jambs*, and these should be perpendicular to the horizon, and of an equal height. The remaining side, opposed to the sill, and which connects the tops of the jambs, is termed the *soffit*. The *soffit* is generally a plane surface, consisting of parallel planes; and since each jamb rises to the same height, the soffit will, in this case, be parallel to the horizon. Occasionally, however, the section of the soffit, parallel to the surface of the wall, is some part of a circle, not exceeding the semi-circumference. The points from which the section rises from the tops of the jambs are called the *springing-points*. The solid contained in the soffit and the vertical surface of the wall is denominated an *arch*; in this case, the soffit is termed *the intrados of the arch*. If the section of the soffit be less than a semi-circle, the arch is called a *scheme-arch*; but if a semi-circle, it is termed a *semi-circular arch*. In some cases, the jambs do not ascend perpendicularly to the horizon, but stand at equal angles therewith, so as to approach nearer towards each other at the summit than at the bottom: and examples of this sort are not unfrequent in antient and modern works.

The sections of apertures, parallel to the face of the wall, are sometimes entire circles, or entire ellipses, having one axis parallel to the horizon; and,

consequently, the other perpendicular thereto: in this case, the aperture cannot properly be said to have sills, jambs, or soffits. Occasionally, the section of the soffit, parallel to the surface of the wall, is constructed of two equal and similar concave curves, meeting each other in a receding angle, and in a vertical line which divides the aperture into equal and similar parts, so that the whole opening may form a symmetrical figure: arches of this description are termed *Gothic arches*.

Semi-circular-headed windows have a pleasing effect in circular walls, particularly when the exterior surface is an entire cylinder, and the diameter of considerable magnitude; but, in a small building, they greatly weaken the construction of the walls, and produce a disagreeable effect by the overhanging of the head.

Since apertures for the admission of light are indispensable, it is essential, as well for the strength as for the beauty of the edifice, that the sills of all the windows in the same story should be in the same straight line; and, also, that each jamb of a window in any story should be in a straight line with the jamb of a window in every other story.

The solid parts of walls between apertures are termed *piers*, as also the external parts annexed to such apertures, which are identified as external piers, or *quoins*, commonly so called.

When any uninterrupted part of the exterior walls of a building contains more than two equal and similar windows on one level, the beauty of their arrangement will require that the intermediate piers be equal in breadth; for the same reason, the extreme piers in any apartment, which has one or more such windows, ought to be equal to each other. In all cases, where fanciful dispositions of the apertures are attempted, they ought to be disposed in symmetrical order.

Windows, in modern rooms, in which they are introduced to light the apartments, are, by means of jambs standing obliquely to the faces of the walls, made widest within; and these obliquities are called the *splays* or *splayings of the jambs*, or more simply the *splays*: and in these cases the windows, or jambs, are said to be *splayed*.

Each jamb of a window will generally consist of four vertical planes within the two surfaces of the wall. The first plane from the exterior surface of the wall forms an external right angle with that surface; the first and second planes make with one another an external right angle; the second and third, an internal right angle; and the third and fourth, an obtuse angle. The fourth plane is generally continued down to the floor, in order to form the side of the recess made from the inside of the wall below the sill of the window; so that two of the three sides of this recess are formed by the continuation of the two planes of the jambs next to the inner surface of the wall, and the third face is a surface parallel to that surface joining the continuation of the line of concourse at the meeting of the planes which form the obtuse angle in each jamb.

The most usual form of a room is that of a rectangular prism; and, consequently, it consists of four vertical sides, and of two sides parallel to the horizon.

In large edifices, for the sake of beauty and variety, the forms of apartments, as they rise from the floor, are sometimes made circular or elliptic; and sometimes, they are compounded of a rectangular portion in the middle, and of symmetrical circular segments at the ends, having the chord or diameter extending either the whole breadth of the end to which it is attached, or only to a part of such breadth, leaving an equal portion of it at each extremity of the chord. In this case the faces of the walls consist of two opposite rectangles, and the ends of equal portions of a cylindric surface.

When the floor of a room is rectangular, the ceiling is usually of the same form. In magnificent apartments, however, ceilings, are often made to rise from each side to the middle in a concave shape, presenting the surface of a cylinder, having its axis parallel to the horizon. The chord of the cylindric section is extended to the breadth of the room; so that, in every section parallel to one of the ends of the apartment, the upper part of that section will be an equal segment of a circle.

Ceilings, formed simply of cylindric surfaces, are termed, by mechanics, *waggon-heads*, in imitation of the coverings to broad-wheeled carriages; but

the proper term for soffits to rooms, whether to halls, churches, chapels, or domestic apartments, is *coved ceilings*, which are of various forms.

The cylindric or coved ceiling is not the only form which a rectangular apartment will admit of. It may also consist of a quadrantal portion of a cylindric surface, rising from each vertical face to a level oblong in the middle; and this compound form, also, is termed a *coved ceiling*. The multifarious dispositions of which are infinite.

And without altering the figure of the floor, the ceiling may be formed of cross arches; that is, such that each arch may coincide with the surface of a cylinder, having its axis parallel to the horizon, and to the sides of the apartment. When the summits of each arch rise to the same height, this kind of ceiling is called a *groin*, or is said to be *groined ceiling*.

The rectangular floor will also allow of a concave ceiling in an ellipsoidal or spherical form, with one of its axis' in the line of intersection of the two diagonal planes, which may be conceived to pass through each of the four lines terminating the vertical sides, two by two. In this case, the planes which form the four vertical sides of the room, will not meet the ellipsoidal or spherical surface in a straight line, but in a curve of an elliptic form, or in a circular segment rising from each corner to the middle of each vertical adjacent face.

As the circles or arcs, which form the lines of demarcation between the ceiling and the vertical faces of the apartment, descend from the middle of each upright face to the vertical line, formed at the angle, by those faces, the ceiling is termed a *pendulous ceiling*; or it is denominated a *pendentive* one, being suspended in the manner described.

The floor of an apartment may have any geometrical figure that the fancy of the architect may suggest. A building occupying the site of an equilateral triangle, or of a regular hexagon, will divide without any loss of space into apartments, having also their floors in the forms of equilateral triangles or hexagons, and doors may be inserted in the middle of the side of one apartment without destroying the symmetry of the adjacent room; yet none of those figures are so convenient as the square or rectangle: however, they are

sometimes employed for the sake of variety, where motives of economy do not restrain the expense.

When the form of an apartment is spoken of, we mean that of the floor; since all the horizontal sections below the ceiling are equal and similar figures.

Forms of all manner of rooms, besides the square, or such as are rectangular, are denominated *fanciful*, or fancy rooms, which may be made very beautiful.

The floors of apartments are, however, seldom regulated by the forms of the buildings. But, as the sites of edifices are generally rectangular, apartments constructed in the forms of polygons occasion not only great waste of space, but also of materials; and such forms likewise require to be fitted with more than ordinary attention to elegance; hence, when employed, no restraint should be laid as to expenses. It, however, rarely occurs that a suite or series of rooms have more than one polygonal apartment, unless it may be in corresponding parts, in order to render the whole disposition symmetrical.

Apartments having others immediately above them, and on every side, cannot be sufficiently lighted. Hence it would be improper to build a house of a rectangular form, and of two or more stories, with more than two apartments in breadth. If, therefore, it is desirable to build upon a large scale, the fronts of the edifice, on all sides, must be extended, or the middle of the area be left open without any building, or certain parts must be left entirely uncovered, or at least with sufficient exposed apertures, to be filled with glass for the admission of light.

As it is desirable to render every apartment conveniently accessible, without passing through any other, a certain portion of every building should be taken for this purpose; and the parts thus occupied, when not very wide, are termed *passages*.

Passages of communication may be lighted in various ways. If there be only one series of rooms in the breadth, their situation must then be on the sides of the building, and consequently they may be lighted by apertures in the exterior walls, to any degree that may be desired: but if the whole, or any part, of the building has two rooms in breadth, and more than two in length,

the situation of the passage must be naturally in the middle, with one room in depth on each side of them.

If the rooms are not very numerous, the passage may be lighted from one of the ends, but when the length is considerable, it ought to be lighted from both: but, when the edifice is very long, cross passages should extend to the sides; and these will afford the most convenient and private entries to the rooms on each side of them.

The apartment for the stairs must have apertures through all the floors, or be entirely open to the top, except the solid parts for walking upon, in order to give the occupants sufficient light. The flat parts on the same level with the floor are called *landings*, and these afford passages into the surrounding rooms. This mode of approaching them is adopted in all descriptions of edifices; but, in small buildings, it is the only way of entering the rooms, particularly in the upper stories.

When the apertures for the stairs are surrounded on all sides with rooms, the passages are usually made entirely round the stairs, with apertures in the walls of enclosure, in order to light the adjacent passages.

In large buildings, the number of stair-cases should be proportioned to the magnitude of the edifices; and the former should be regulated so as to require the fewest passages, and by these means due portions of the occupants may be kept desirably separate from each other; but with such means of communication as to be accessible to certain individuals of the house, at the will of the proprietor.

In the uppermost stories of buildings, passages may be introduced almost in any direction which may give the most convenient access to the apartments, as light, it is presumed, in most of such cases, may be easily supplied from apertures left in the ceilings or adjacent roofs.

In some magnificent edifices, the rooms in the several heights are so constructed that each story may be connected by one lofty apartment, that is, by means of large apertures in each floor; and, in this manner, the rooms of the surrounding buildings may be accessible, that is, by means of the residual parts of the floors on the sides of the apertures adverted to.

As it is necessary for the comfort of the inhabitants that rooms should be

kept of proper temperature at certain seasons of the year, fires must be introduced, for the purpose of communicating warmth to them. To effect this in the most convenient manner, certain recesses, commonly of a rectangular form, are made in the walls on the sides of the rooms; and these serve as receptacles for fuel; and, to take away the smoke, tubes or flues are carried up, from these recesses in the thickness of the wall, to the summit of the building. The openings from the sides of the rooms are called the *fire-places*; and the tubes, or flues, for carrying off the smoke are denominated the *funnels* or *flues*. The solid parts of the walls, between the funnel or flues and the rooms, are called the *breasts of the chimnies*. As the forms of the apertures for the fire-places are generally rectangular, the vertical sides are called *jambes*; and the sides which stretch over the tops of the jambes, parallel to the horizon, are called the *mantles*. The portions of walls, containing the terminations of the chimnies, which are always carried above the roofs, are called the *chimney-shafts*. When walls contain a great number of flues, they are called *stacks of chimnies*: and, if the funnels, or flues, approach very near to each other, the solids which divide them are termed *withs*.

To prevent chimnies from smoking, they ought to be so constructed that the current of air which naturally presses towards the fire-places, may not proceed entirely through the fires, but in such manner that portions of the air may pass immediately over the flame, so as to force the smoke up the chimnies; for as the air is heated it becomes more volatile and desirous of ascension.

With regard to the construction of the funnels or flues, sharp angular turns must be avoided, as they retard the ascent of the smoke. The form of the chimney is not always the cause of apartments being annoyed by smoke; it has been proved, beyond doubt, that much depends upon the situation of the building, as similar forms, in different situations, will often have different effects. Consequently, in building chimnies, no effectual precaution can be taken, nor can any remedy be applied until the fires are made. Without the agency of contrary currents of air, smoke may be occasioned from the mere form of the chimney; for if the flues are too narrow at the top, the smoke will not be discharged so quickly as it is generated; and in time, therefore, it

must fill the passage or flue, and ultimately the apartment itself. To provide, as much as possible, against smoke, in the building of chimnies, the apertures should be carried up in gentle windings or curvatures, particularly near the top, as all angles and sharp turnings are obstacles. For the same reason the interior surfaces should not be left rough, but should be smoothed over with plaster; and all pieces of lime, shivers of stone, or broken brick, left by the carelessness of workmen, should be removed as the wall is carried up. On this account, too, circular flues permit the smoke to pass more freely than those which have rectangular sections; and, therefore, if expenses are not primary considerations, they should be so constructed that their surfaces may be those of hollow cylinders. If these precautions are found insufficient, the narrowing of the apertures above the fires should be tried; but as these remedies are sometimes inconvenient, they ought, perhaps, to be the last of the chimney-doctors' resources.

The doctrine of smokey fire-places is as yet very imperfect; many experiments have been tried, but still we have not obtained any general and satisfactory results, notwithstanding the celebrity of those who have made them. The writings of Dr. Franklin, Count Rumford, and Mr. Clavering, contain details of experiments on smokey chimnies, and the works of those authors may be consulted by such as wish to enter more fully into the subject.

The superficial surfaces for walking upon we have hitherto called the *floors*; but this term, more properly speaking, is applicable to the thicknesses of timber or stone floors. So that, when apartments are placed over each other, the solid parts contained between the ceilings of the lower and upper apartments, and the surfaces for walking upon in those above, are called the *floors*.

FLOORS constructed of stone are more particularly denominated *pavements*. The surfaces upon which we walk may, therefore, with propriety, be called the *levels of the floors or pavements*.

WALLS underneath windows are generally recessed from the bottoms of the windows to the levels of the floors; and these increase the areas of the floors. Each vertical side in the same plane with the vertical side or jamb of the window is termed the *side* or *elbow of the recess*; and that surface of the recess which is parallel to each face of the wall, is denominated the *back*.

PROPORTIONS OF THE APERTURES OF DOORS AND WINDOWS.

DOOR-CASES were formerly constructed of trapezoidal forms, that is, wider below than above; this probably arose from such doors possessing the inherent power of shutting without the aid of the passengers. Instances of these forms are not common, but may be seen in the Bank of England, and several other modern structures, where the doors are hung upon such scientific principles as not to require any trouble in shutting.

The dimensions of the apertures of doors should be regulated by the magnitude of the buildings. All the doors in the same stories are generally made to correspond to each other in heights. In private houses they may extend from three to four feet in widths, and from seven to eight feet in heights, or more, in proportions to the heights of the stories. When doors exceed three feet in width they should be closed with folding leaves, in order that the rooms which they separate may be occasionally united: this practice is prevalent, and found very convenient for the reception of company.

When the front of a building has only one door, it is generally placed in the middle, not only to preserve the symmetry of the front, but also to shorten the access to the various apartments. But in town houses this disposition is not convenient, since most dwellings have only one apartment in the extent of the front, consequently the external doors are, in most cases, if not always, at one end.

With regard to windows, the height of the sills were formerly from three to three feet and a half high from the floors, which was convenient for leaning upon; but of late years, in imitation of the French, it has become the fashion to make the sills of the windows equal with the levels of the floors, particularly in the principal stories; and in each of the others, the heights of the sills are now reduced to two, or two feet six inches, or thereabouts.

In regulating the dimensions of windows, it may not be superfluous to remind the proprietor, or builder, that, although it may be very pleasant in summer to have the apertures for the windows either very large or very numerous, yet the extraordinary area occupied by them will render the apartments very cold in winter; and to provide against these inconveniences, double glass frames are sometimes deemed indispensably necessary. In France, and in Italy, where the climate is warm, such windows are admissible; but, in the streets of London, we are at a loss to present any apology for their introduction; they seem to be of little use, except to inhale the muddy exhalations of dirty streets. Verandas are equally absurd, which are also to be observed on the northern sides of our streets and squares, which the rays of the sun seldom or ever visit.

PROPORTIONS OF APARTMENTS.

THE proportions of apartments depend very much upon the use to which they are intended to be applied. The lengths of dwelling-rooms may extend from one to one and a half or to twice their breadths; and in galleries even four times. In general, however, it is to be observed, that the greater the capacities are, the more the lengths may exceed the breadths. Thus, in small houses, the dining and drawing rooms may be square; but, in larger edifices, they may extend even to be a double square. With regard to the heights, three-fourths of the breadths are esteemed good proportions to the other dimensions. When the ceilings are coved or arched, the heights may be equal to the breadths, or to one and one-quarter the breadths. The breadths of the principal passages may be one-third of those of the principal rooms; and the breadths of passages, or of passages belonging to a common house, may be one-fourth of the breadths of the principal rooms: the heights of passages should be the same as those of the rooms, but the lengths must be regulated by the buildings.

When the heights of rooms exceed the proportions adapted to the other dimensions, cylindrical vaultings, coves, domes, groins, &c., may be introduced, as may be best suited to the use made of the apartments.

The heights of ceilings are necessarily regulated by those of the principal rooms of a story; hence, apartments of an inferior description will often have their ceilings disproportionately high. To remedy this, floors may be introduced so as to divide the heights into two stories; the lower one of a height proportioned to the length and breadth of the room, and an upper one sufficiently high to admit of persons walking erect. In this case, the upper story is termed a *mezzanine* or *intersole*.

Mezzanines, when they can be introduced, are exceedingly convenient for servants, lodging-rooms, powdering-rooms, wardrobes, &c.

In buildings where beauty and magnificence are studied rather than economy, the halls and galleries may be raised to the height of two stories. Saloons are frequently raised the whole height of the building, and have galleries at the height of the stories around the interior circumference, for the purpose of communication with the various apartments.

A *Stair*, or set of steps, is a structure by which persons may ascend to, or descend from, any story with ease and pleasure.

The surfaces upon which our feet are set, in the act of passing up or down, are called *treads*; these should be equi-distant horizontal planes, placed at convenient distances.

But when two treads are joined together by a third plane, rising perpendicularly from the plane of the treads, so as to have the breadths of the lower treads on the front, and the breadths of the upper treads on the back of these new planes, the third series of planes thus introduced are called *risers*.

Every riser and tread forming an external right-angle is called a *step*.

The line of concourse formed by the meeting of the riser and tread of a step, is called the *nosing*.

Sometimes the tread of a step projects, in a small degree, beyond the riser below it, and is rounded so as to make it at once strong, and agreeable to the eye; this termination is also termed the *nosing* of the step.

Steps may be supported at each end by walls, and this is very frequently done in common houses.

A series of steps, having all the treads equal, is called a *flight of steps*.

It is easy to conceive that a stair, consisting of one flight, must be very inconvenient, on account of the great length of the area which would be required to contain it. It will be proper, therefore, to show in what manner the direction of the ascent may be changed, in order to prevent the length from exceeding the dimensions of the rooms adjacent.

And this difficulty may be overcome by allowing a double area for the stair, with a floor between them, extending from the entrance where the stair begins to such a distance as will leave sufficient breadth for the passenger to pass from one stair-apartment to the other. Now it only remains to construct two equal flights, each half the height of the story; the first being placed on a proper floor, and made easy of access; and having a surface for walking upon, on a level with the top of the highest riser, and extending over the whole breadth of the two stair-apartments. The next flight may be raised upon this floor, and may have a similar floor at the top with its surface on a level with the floors of those apartments in the story to which a communication is required.

The floor between the two flights is termed a *half space* or *resting place*; and that upon a level with the floor of the story, at the head of the second flight, is denominated a *landing*.

And here the landing naturally points out the situation of the door or doors.

In this manner we may ascend to the uppermost stories of buildings, or to as many stories in them as are deemed requisite.

The two apartments, or *areas*, each containing flights of steps, are collectively termed the *stair-case*.

The wall which divides the two flights is called the *newel* of the stair-case. As walls surrounding the stair are commonly carried up in the form of rectangular prisms, by way of rendering the turning easy to the passenger, the angles of the newels are generally reduced by forming them into semi-cylinders.

When the apartment, or arena, allowed for the stair-case require the steps to be inconveniently high, instead of the half-space, steps are introduced, with their treads diminishing in breadths towards the newel.

The diminished steps, thus introduced, are denominated *winders*; and by their means the stair is made to consist of two equal flights, with a series of winders between them.

When the thickness of a newel, or wall between the flights, is very considerable, another flight of steps is sometimes inserted between the planes or faces of the newel, extended into the passage of the stair, round which the person ascending has to turn, in order to proceed to the upper flights. By this introduction, the stair is made to consist of three flights, and two level parts, called *quarter-spaces*, between each of the two flights.

These quarter-spaces are also occasionally occupied with winders, by which means an easier ascent is gained, and the want of room compensated for as much as possible.

From what has been said, it may be easily conceived that floors of stairs may have many different forms, and that the steps may always be properly adapted to those forms, with convenient quarter-spaces, half-spaces, and landings, where required.

The apartment, or *arena*, for the stairs being a prismatic cavity, the form of the stair-case is denominated from the area contained within its walls, at the base or floor from which the adjacent walls rise.

Therefore, if the floor underneath is rectangular, quadrangular, circular, or elliptical, the stair-case must also be rectangular, quadrangular, circular, elliptical, or as the case may happen.

Now let us conceive the newel to be disengaged from the ends of the steps, so as to form a complete prism, and to be taken out from the level of the floor, and the steps to remain firm; the stair thus constructed is a *geometrical stair*.

The open space left by the newel is called the *well-hole*.

The continuation of the ends of the steps next to the well-hole is denominated the *string*.

The surface of the stair, opposed to the floor or to the steps, as seen from below, by those ascending, is termed the *soffit*.

The newels of stair-cases are sometimes constructed hollow, with apertures through the sides.

Examples of this kind may be seen in St. Paul's Cathedral, where the stairs are cylindric, or stand upon circular bases; the examination of which will afford great satisfaction to those who derive pleasure from scientific research.

The grandest example of a geometrical stair-case, upon a circular base, may be seen in St. Paul's, which cannot fail to attract the attention of the mathematician, geometrician, and architect.

A stair-case having a newel in the middle, is called a *pillared* or *newelled* stair.

A stair contained within a circular or elliptical wall is called a *winding* stair; or one which is circular or elliptical, as the case may be.

Geometrical stairs are much more elegant than *pillared* stairs; and those that have rectangular bases, when constructed without winders, are deemed handsomer than geometrical stairs which rise from a circular or elliptic base; unless, indeed, the diameter be very large, as in the case adverted to, in the sublime structure of St. Paul's.

In ordinary houses the breadths of the steps are generally from 10 to 12 inches, the heights from 6 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and the lengths from 2 feet 6 inches to 4 feet. In more stately mansions the steps may be from 4 to 6 inches high, from 12 to 15 inches broad, and 6 feet long and upwards, in proportions thereto.

Any portion of the exterior side of a building which protrudes itself towards the spectator, is denominated a *projection* or *break*; and a part that recedes from him, is termed a *recess*.

When deep semi-circular recesses are made for ornament, they are termed *niches*, for the reception of busts or statues.

To prevent the disagreeable sameness that would arise from the view of the plain and regular surfaces of walls and ceilings, certain ornaments are introduced, which compose or divide the surfaces.

When these dividing parts are formed of curved surfaces and planes, so as to meet in edges, forming straight lines parallel to each other, and to the sur-

faces which they compart; and, at the same time, the curved parts are portions of cylinders or cylindroids; the surfaces thus formed are termed *mouldings*.

If these mouldings be conceived to be bent round a cylinder or cylindroid, or round a building in either of these forms, so that the edges of the mouldings may be in planes perpendicular to the axis of the cylindric or cylindroidic surface, they are called circular or elliptic mouldings.

In ordinary cases of modern building, the general position of mouldings upon the walls of edifices, either within or without, are horizontal.

When mouldings are applied to a wall, for the purpose of dividing its surface, the entire should be so constructed that the parts shall not hide each other, unless with the intention to produce a shade.

Every separate part is termed a *member*. Hence, in the same collection of mouldings, those members which are most remote from the horizontal plane, passing through the eye, must be the most remote from the surface of the wall, in order to be seen to the best advantage.

In speaking of the *section of a moulding*, we mean the surface which would arise from cutting it by a plane, perpendicular to one of its edges.

All edges formed by the angular meeting of any two surfaces, are called *arrises*, when they terminate external angles.

The plane surfaces, which enter into the combination of mouldings, are generally either parallel or perpendicular to the horizon. When this is not the case, the deviations from this position will be noticed.

In any curved moulding, terminated by two edges, or arrises, that edge which is the most remote from the eye is also most remote from the surface of the wall; except in mouldings of a cylindric form, which, in general, must be very small when above the eye, as otherwise they will conceal those which are above them. When cylindric mouldings are situated below the eye, semi-cylindric forms are occasionally introduced: these are made so large as to constitute the principal features of the combination, because mouldings in these depressed situations are never so far removed from the eye as to be out of the reach of near inspection.

Hence, to produce the best effect, the situation of mouldings above the eye, the manner in which they are illumined, and even the forms themselves, will differ from the situation, form, &c. of those mouldings which are below the horizontal plane passing through the eye.

Small mouldings of a semi-circular section are called *Beads*; and these are sometimes introduced in a combination of mouldings above the eye, but much oftener below it.

A large semi-circular moulding is termed a *Torus*; its situation is naturally below the eye.

When the form, or section, of a moulding is concave, it is called a *Cavetto*; but below the eye may be either a *Scotia* or *Cavetto*, according as the curvature varies from both its extremes. A convex moulding above the eye is denominated an *Ovolo*. A moulding which has one part concave and another convex, or that which has its section composed of two curves of contrary curvature, is called a *Cymatium*, a term which literally signifies a *wave*. When the concave part of a cymatium is more distant from the horizontal plane of the eye than the convex part, it is called a *Cyma-recta*; but if the contrary be the case, it is styled a *Cyma-reversa*.

It may be proper to recall to the student's recollection, that, in every moulding above the eye, the upper edge recedes farther from the face of the wall than the lower edge.

Curved Mouldings are always separated from each other by a small member, called a *Fillet*. This member consists of two plane visible surfaces, one perpendicular, and the other parallel, to the horizon.

If one of the intermediate members of a collection of mouldings above the eye consist of a lofty vertical plane, with a considerable projection underneath, either a level or inclined plane, it is called a *Corona*, *Larmer*, or *Drip*. The use of this member is to throw the water from the lower edge of the vertical surface, without changing its course to that underneath, to protect the lower parts.

Mouldings, which may be generated by planes carried round their axis' in those planes, are called *rotative mouldings*.

Where buildings have a series of mouldings at or near their tops, such series are termed *Cornices*.

Mouldings below the plane passing through the eye, or at the bottom of a building, is called the *Base*; and here we may observe that the part of the building under the base protrudes beyond the surface of the wall above the base.

Any intermediate collection of mouldings is denominated a *moulded string course*.

A series of mouldings placed over the top of each vertical side of a room is termed a *Cornice*; but when the series is situated near the bottom of the room, it is styled a *Base*.

A series of mouldings placed at the springing of an arch, or where each end begins to rise from the vertical surface, is called an *Impost*.

A series of mouldings round a cylindrical arch, having their edges circular, and these edges described from a certain point in the axis of the cylinder, is called an *Archivault*. Or, if the arch be elliptic, with a series of mouldings around it, and if the mouldings have their edges equi-distant from each other, and from the wall, such a collection is also called an *Archivault*.

The surface of a wall is technically denominated the *Naked of the wall*.

A surface parallel to the surface of a wall, and enclosed on all sides by mouldings, is called a *Panel*.

By means of bases, strings, cornices, panels, &c. we may easily conceive that a wall is susceptible of being comparted into very elegant symmetrical forms.

When the face of a wall is decorated with mouldings, bordering on the margin of an aperture, for a door or window, such disposition of moulding is called an *Architrave*.

Mouldings, or solid parts, which protrude towards the spectator, are called by the general name of *projections*; and whatever distance any part is from the wall, that distance is termed the *projection* of that part.

A *Tablet* is a projection, fixed in a wall, with one face parallel to the surface; and the sides of the tablet which connects its face with the surface of

the wall, are generally planes perpendicular to that surface. The forms of tablets, though occasionally circular, are generally rectangular. However, they are susceptible of every regular geometrical figure, or combination of figures, symmetrically disposed: that is, so that the parts on the right and left correspond, which should be the case, not only with the subordinate, but also with the several component parts of architectural decorations.

A series of mouldings is said to *return*, when a vertical section of them, parallel to the face of the wall, produces the same forms as a vertical section perpendicular to that face.

When return mouldings do not reach the extent of the wall, or when they extend to a very small distance only, they are said to *profile*, or *terminate, upon the wall*; that is to say, the form or impression in which the surfaces of the mouldings would intersect the surface of the wall, will be equal and similar to the section of the mouldings on the face or intermediate parts between the returns.

In all insulated buildings, where cornices are employed, they should be carried round the entire edifices; unless, in so doing, it is thought too expensive. But strings, and other collections of horizontal mouldings, are frequently interrupted, even in the lengths of the fronts, by certain vertical projectures which are more prominent.

Horizontal mouldings, placed over the architraves of apertures, and projecting over the extreme parts of the architraves where they terminate on the walls, or over the superior terminating members of the fronts of those architraves, are called the *cornices* of the windows or doors over which they are introduced. And if the architraves be joined to such cornices, the entire are called *architrave cornices*, or *imperfect entablatures*.

Any face of a projection, which is parallel to the surface of the wall, is termed the *front* of that projection.

When any projection exhibits three vertical faces; the middle one, being parallel to the surface of the wall, and the other two perpendicular to it, the two faces which adjoin the wall are called *flanks*. Hence the three faces exhibited are the front and the two flanks.

Here it will be necessary to observe that, when the lengths, breadths, and heights of projections are mentioned, the lengths are measured in horizontal lines parallel to the naked faces of the walls from which they protrude; and the breadths are measured parallel to those faces; consequently the breadth, in the proper sense, is the same as the projecture. Hence we perceive that the greatest extension of a body is not always its length.

When a projection, exhibiting a face and two flanks, is placed between the cornice and the architrave of an aperture, so that each flank may be in the same plane with each side of the architrave, which terminates against the wall, the projection thus described is called a *Frieze*.

The cornice, frieze, and architrave, are collectively termed the *entablature* of the door, window, or other aperture, to which they belong.

In this enumeration we include only the horizontal part of the architrave, and not the vertical mouldings belonging to it.

In buildings, upon magnificent scales, projections, similar to the entablatures just described, are carried round the edifices; and where the expenses are limited, along the front only, these projections are also termed *Entablatures*.

But where entablatures of this latter description are executed, it is usual to introduce other equal and similar projections, exhibiting the fronts and flanks; these terminate immediately under the entablatures at the upper extremities, and upon the horizontal surfaces of projections at their lower extremities. The projections thus terminated are called *pilasters*.

PILASTERS generally terminate at the top, with mouldings, which return on the sides adjacent to the wall in the same manner as the fronts, which are parallel to them; the mouldings which thus terminate the upper extremities of the pilasters are called capitals: and very frequently these capitals consist both of mouldings and ornaments.

Occasionally, return mouldings are introduced also at the lower ends of the pilasters; and the mouldings thus situate are called the bases of the pilasters.

The surfaces of pilasters are often ornamented with a series of equal and similar concave mouldings, terminating in vertical edges; mouldings thus introduced are called *Flutes*.

Flutes terminate in different manners at their upper and lower extremities, or where they enter the faces of the pilasters, so as to preserve entire the parts of these faces, whether above or below. But the forms in which they terminate are generally the same as those of their horizontal section, supposing the pilasters to be cut through any intermediate parts of the heights.

In the recess of an internal angle, formed by two planes of a cornice, or even in a string course, a series of equal and similar prismatic solids are sometimes attached to each of those planes, so that every solid may exhibit four entire faces. The solids thus attached are called, according to their forms, *dentils*, *blocks*, *mutules*, *modillions*, or *cantaltivers*.

When they are very small and near to one another, so that their heights may exceed their lengths, and also, that the horizontal distances between each and those immediately adjacent may be less than their lengths, they are called *Dentils*; and the cornices are said to be *denticulated*.

If the length of each solid be greater than its height or breadth, the solid is called a *Mutule*, and the cornice itself a *mutule cornice*.

If the distance between each solid exceed twice its length, and if the projecture be from twice to three times the length, each solid is called a *Modillion*; and the cornice thus ornamented a *modillion cornice*.

When the projecture of each solid is more than thrice the length, each solid is called a *Cantaltiver*; and the cornice itself a *cantaltiver cornice*.

PROPORTIONS OF MOULDINGS.

WHEN a room is adorned with an entire entablature, its height may be about one-sixth part of the height of the room; or, in some cases, one-seventh. If a cornice only is executed, its height may be about one-

twentieth, or one-thirtieth part of the height of the room ; the proportion depending entirely on the combination, number of mouldings introduced, and their purpose or design. Thus, in the houses of middling classes of people, the cornices may be made light ; but, in the houses of the nobility, where grandeur is an object, they should have more massive appearances ; and it may be laid down, as a general principle, that all interior decorations and proportions of mouldings must be lighter than those employed in the exterior parts of buildings. The reason of this is obvious ; for, in a room, where the eye is confined within a certain distance, and the ornamental parts large, they will naturally appear heavy ; but, on the exterior of edifices, the mouldings are viewed with reference to the sizes of the entire buildings, which proportionately diminishes their magnitude ; and the advantage of seeing the object at different distances, tends still further to lessen the effect of projectures.

ON THE BEAUTY OF BUILDINGS.

IN the arrangements and proportions of the parts of buildings, they ought to be such as to elevate the pleasures of imagination to the sublime, (which is superlatively explained by a great writer,) to bear the features characteristic of its destination. Grandeur cannot exist without magnitude, both in the entire and in its parts ; but a building may be great, and the parts massive, without its being grand. Besides magnitude, a considerable degree of elegance is required to produce grandeur. Sameness of surface, without diversities of figure symmetrically disposed, will not raise any pleasure in the mind. But, when the parts of an edifice follow each other alternately, or repeat a series of symmetrical portions in succession, the combination is easily understood, and the imagination pleased with the uniformity and variety of the compositions.

As a cylinder is a pleasing object, since no two parts of its surface, nor of its circular ends, are alike opposed to the eye; so, in executing a circular building, the terminations ought to be in continued circles. Hence the entablature of such an edifice should not, on any account, be broken; though the intermediate parts of the wall may be decorated with well-proportioned symmetrical parts, as columns, pilasters, or ornamented windows; which, if judiciously introduced, cannot fail to produce the most pleasing effects.

Though definite rules cannot be laid down for the formation and contours of buildings, yet the centre parts ought to assume commanding features, and the grand outlines of the entire should, generally speaking, approach to those of the pyramidal forms.

Lodges, and small houses standing alone, show, with good effect, when their figures approach to the forms of cubes: but, in large mansions, rectangular prisms, with oblong bases, have more pleasing appearances than cubes. The proportions of large buildings may be termed good when the lengths do not exceed the breadths, in greater portions than when they are about four to three.

SITUATIONS FOR COUNTRY RESIDENCES.

THE most essential qualities of good situations are those that are most conducive to health. Where persons intending to build, enjoy the power of fixing upon situations, they should sedulously avoid the proximity of marshes, fens, boggy ground, or stagnant water: and, if rivers are very near, the sites of the houses should be on elevated ground, so as to be out of the reach of unwholesome fogs, which rise from the water at particular periods. In neighbourhoods where the inhabitants are healthful, cheerful, and remarkable for longevity, these may be regarded as possessing salubrious air. Easy accesses to public roads, with supplies for water and fuel, are indispensable requisites in the choice of situations.

Again, it is much better to have a house sheltered by trees than by mountain scenery; because the former yield a cooling and refreshing air, which, during the heat of the summer months, is not only pleasing but animating; and, in winter, they serve, in some degree, to break off the keenness of the blasting winds and tempests; while mountains, according to their position, protect only from certain winds; and if the situations are directly east or south, they will be found extremely unpleasant at particular seasons of the year.

And with regard to the positions of apartments, such as studies, libraries, dining and drawing rooms, boudoirs, principal and inferior bed-chambers, dressing-rooms, &c., all these should be arranged according to existing circumstances; taking care, if possible, to place the studies or libraries to the north, and the dining and drawing rooms in such places as to avoid too much of the morning and evening sun: and with regard to the residue, such as kitchens, sculleries, &c. they should be situate so as to prevent the fumes of stews and offensive smells from approaching any of the best apartments, yet, at the same time, be so contiguous as not to create unnecessary trouble to servants, whose comforts should be studied, which, if neglected, the house is sure to be comfortless.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF THE FIVE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE,

WITH THE

Opinions thereon of the most distinguished Professors in the Art of Building,

AS PRESENTED, AT DIFFERENT PERIODS, TO THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD, BY SIR WILLIAM CHAMBERS, AND OTHER EMINENT ARCHITECTS, ANTIENT AND MODERN; FROM WHICH THE STUDENT, AS WELL AS THE AMATEUR, MAY COLLECT EVERY INFORMATION REQUISITE TO PROPORTION; AND DRAW AND EXECUTE EVERY PART OF THE SEVERAL ORDERS, WITH CORRECTNESS, SKILL, AND TASTE, IN THE PUREST STYLE.

THE ORDERS of ARCHITECTURE constitute the basis upon which, chiefly, the decorative part of the science is built, and towards which the attention of the architect must ever be cherished, even where *Orders* are not introduced: for, in them originate most of the forms used in decoration; they regulate most of the proportions; and to their combination, multiplied, varied, and arranged, in a thousand different ways, architecture is indebted for its most splendid productions.

These *Orders* are different modes of building, supposed to have been originally imitated from the primitive huts; being composed of such parts as were essential in their construction; and, afterwards, adopted in the temples of antiquity, which, though at first simple and rude, were, in the course of time, and by the ingenuity of succeeding architects, wrought up and improved to such a pitch of perfection, on different models, that each was, by way of eminence, denominated an ORDER.

Of these there are *Five*: three, said to be of Grecian origin, are called Grecian *Orders*; being distinguished by the names of *Doric*, *Ionic*, and *Corinthian*; they

exhibit three distinct characters of composition, supposed to have been suggested by the diversity of character in the human frame. The remaining two, being of Italian origin, are called Latin or Roman *Orders*; they are distinguished by the names of *Tuscan* and *Roman*, and were probably invented with a view of extending the characteristic bounds, on one side still farther towards strength and simplicity, as on the other, towards elegance and profusion of enrichments.

At what periods the *Orders* were invented, or by whom their improvement was advanced, we can now conjecture only from the structures and fragments of antiquity, built in different ages, and still remaining to be seen in various parts of Europe, Africa, and Asia. Of their origin, little is known but from the relation of Vitruvius, the veracity of which has been much questioned, and it is probably not altogether to be depended upon.

Of the two Latin *Orders*, the Tuscan is said to have been invented by the inhabitants of Tuscany, before the Romans had intercourse with the Greeks, or were acquainted with their arts and sciences. Probably, however, these people, originally a colony of Greeks, only imitated, in the best manner they could, what they remembered of the state of building, as it existed in their own country: simplifying the Doric, either to expedite their work, or, perhaps, to adapt it to the abilities of their workmen.

The second Latin order, though of Roman production, is but of modern adoption; the antients never having considered it as a distinct *Order*. It is a mixture of the Ionic and Corinthian, and is now distinguished by the names of *Roman*, or *Composite*.

The ingenuity of man has, hitherto, not been able to produce a *Sixth Order*, though large premiums have been offered, and numerous attempts have been made, by means of first-rate talents to accomplish it. Such is the fettered state of human imagination, such the scanty store of its ideas, that Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian, have ever floated uppermost; and all that has been produced amounts to nothing more than different arrangements and combinations of their parts, with some trifling deviations scarcely deserving notice; the whole generally tending more to diminish than to increase the beauties of the antient orders.

The suppression of parts of the antient orders, with a view to produce novelty, has, of late years, been much practised among us, but with very little success. And, though it is not wished to restrain sallies of imagination, nor to discourage

genius from attempting to invent; yet it is apprehended that attempts to alter the primary forms invented by the antients, and established by the concurring approbation of many ages, must ever be attended with injurious consequences, must always be difficult, and seldom or never successful. It is like coining words, which, whatever may be their value, are at first but ill received, and must have the sanction of time to secure them a current reception.

AN ORDER is composed of two principal members, the *Column* and the *Entablature*; each of which is divided into three principal parts. Those of the COLUMN are the *Base*, the *Shaft*, and the *Capital*; those of the ENTABLATURE, are the *Architrave*, the *Frieze*, and the *Cornice*: all these again are subdivided into many smaller parts, the disposition, number, forms, and dimensions, of which characterize each order, and express the degree of strength or delicacy, richness or simplicity, peculiar to it. Columns of the Five Orders, with their respective names, are represented in *Plates II. and III.*

The simplest and most solid of these orders is the TUSCAN ORDER. It is composed of few and large parts, devoid of ornaments, and is of a construction so massive, that it seems capable of supporting the heaviest burdens; whence it is, by Sir Henry Wotton, compared to a sturdy labourer dressed in homely apparel.*

The DORIC ORDER, next in strength to the Tuscan, and of a grave, robust, or masculine, aspect, is by Scamozzi called the *Herculean*. Being the most antient of all the orders, it retains more of the primitive hut style in its form than any of the rest, having triglyphs in the frieze, to represent the ends of joists, and mutules in its cornice, to represent rafters, with inclined soffits, to express their direction in the originals, from which they were imitated. The Doric columns are often seen in antient works, executed without bases, in imitation of trees; and, in the primitive buildings, without any plinths to raise them above the ground. Freart de Cambrai, in speaking of this order,† observes, that delicate ornaments are repugnant to its characteristic solidity, and that it succeeds best in the simple regularity of its proportions: “Nosegays and garlands of flowers,” says he, “grace not a Hercules, who always appears more becomingly with a rough club and lion’s skin; for there are beauties of various sorts, and often so

* Vide Sir H. Wotton’s *Elements of Architecture*.

† Freart de Cambrai was a learned architect of the seventeenth century, who died in 1676. He was employed by Louis XIII. to collect antiquities, and engage the ablest artists to reside in France.

dissimilar in their natures, that those which may be highly proper on one occasion, may be quite the reverse, even ridiculously absurd, in others."

The **IONIC**, being the second of the Grecian orders, holds a middle station between the other two, and stands in equipoise between the grave solidity of the **Doric**, and the elegant delicacy of the **Corinthian**. Among the antiques, however, we find it in different dresses; sometimes plentifully adorned, and inclining most towards the **Corinthian**; sometimes more simple, and bordering on **Doric** plainness; all according to the fancy of the architect, or nature of the structure where employed. It is throughout of a more slender constructure than either of the afore-described orders; its appearance, though simple, is graceful and majestic; its ornaments should be few, rather neat than luxuriant; and, as there ought to be nothing exaggerated, or affectedly striking in any of its parts, it is not unaptly compared, by Sir Henry Wotton,* to a sedate matron, rather in decent than magnificent attire.

"The **CORINTHIAN ORDER**," says Sir Henry Wotton, "is a column lasciviously or extravagantly decked, like a wanton courtesan or woman of fashion. Its proportions are elegant in the extreme; every part of the order is divided into a great variety of members, and abundantly enriched with a diversity of ornaments." "The antients," says De Cambrai, "aiming at the representation of a feminine beauty, omitted nothing either calculated to embellish, or capable of perfecting, their work;" and he observes, "that, in the many examples left of the *Order*, such a profusion of different ornaments is introduced, that they seem to have exhausted imagination in the contrivance of decorations for this masterpiece of the art. Scamozzi calls it the *Virginal*, and it certainly has all the delicacy in its form, with all the gaiety, gaudiness, and affectation in its dress, peculiar to young women."†

The **COMPOSITE ORDER** is, properly speaking, only a different species of **Corinthian**, and distinguished from it merely by some peculiarities in the capital, and other trifling deviations.

To produce the most striking idea of their different properties, and to render the comparison between the Orders more easy, they are all represented of the

* Vide Sir H. Wotton's *Elements of Architecture*.

† Scamozzi, an architect of great talent, was born 1550, and succeeded Palladio in his chief employments at Vicenza, in Italy. *Palladio* was born in 1518; died in 1580, and was buried as shown hereafter, page 456.

same height; hence the gradual increase of delicacy and richness is at once perceivable, as will be likewise the relations between the intercolumniations of the different orders, when proportioned to their respective pedestals, imposts, archivolts, and other parts, with which they are, on various occasions, accompanied.

The PROPORTIONS of the ORDERS were, by the antients, formed on those of the human body; and, consequently, it could not be the intention to make a Corinthian column, which, as Vitruvius observes,* is to represent the delicacy of a young girl, as thick and much taller than a Doric one, which is designed to represent the bulk and vigour of a muscular full-grown man. Columns so formed could not be applied to accompany each other, without violating the laws both of real and apparent solidity; as, in such case, the Doric dwarf must be crushed under the superior Ionic, or the gigantic Corinthian proudly triumphant, and at once reversing the natural and necessary predominance of composition.

Nevertheless, Vignola, Palladio, Scamozzi, Blondel, Perrault, and many others, if not all the great modern architects, have considered them in this light; that is, have made the diameters of all their orders the same; and, consequently, their heights increasing; which, besides giving a wrong idea of the character of these different compositions, has laid a foundation for many erroneous precepts and false reasonings, to be found in different parts of their works.†

In order to exemplify what has been said, the reader is referred to *Plate II.* of the *Five Orders*, wherein they are represented of the same height; the inspection of which, when duly considered and compared, will, we are convinced, fully satisfy the contemplative reader, that the great authorities referred to were not correct in their notions as to the comparative proportions of the Five Orders, in representing them of different heights, that is, in reference to the doctrine of Vitruvius, who, nevertheless, has scientifically drawn all his inferences as to the

* *Vitruvius*, born at Formio, in Italy, was favoured by Julius Cæsar, and employed by Augustus, the succeeding emperor, in constructing public buildings and machinery. His treatise on architecture is well known.

† *Vignola* was born in 1507; died in 1573. He succeeded Michael Angelo as architect at St. Peter's, in Rome.

Blondel was a French architect, and an author of great eminence.

Perrault was also a French architect: he was born at Paris, 1613; died 1688. He was the greatest architect France ever produced.

general proportions of the orders from the human figure, which, though not in exact accordance with any known problems, may be easily traced in the study and construction of the human frame; wherein the most sublime definitions in the art of building are assimilated, and may thus be understood, without entering into intricate calculations, founded upon false principles of reasoning.

The learned editor of the late edition of Chambers' *Civil Architecture* observes, and with great truth, "That, to Palladio's birth and existence our country is especially indebted for its progress in architecture, and for the formation of a school which has done it honour, and given it a character of the first class, in the opinion of its continental neighbours. Among the names which that school enrols are those of Inigo Jones, Sir Christopher Wren, Colin Campbell, Nicholas Hawksmoor, Sir John Vanburgh, James Gibbs, Lord Burlington, Kent, Carr, of York, Sir Robert Taylor, Sir William Chambers, James Wyatt, and a long list of others, whose works reflect a lustre on the name of PALLADIO, which all the new churches and Grecian profiles of this age will never eclipse."

"Palladio," says the same learned writer, "at the age of sixty-two years, was snatched away from this world. His funeral was attended by all the Olympic Academicians of Vicenza, and his remains deposited in the church of Santa Corona, in that city. His figure was rather small, his countenance remarkably mild and benign, and the height of his forehead reminds us of our immortal Shakspeare. Palladio's demeanor and conduct was modest and obliging, and the esteem in which he was held, on these accounts, by all with whom he had business, is the strongest proof of the truth given of him by those who have written the history of his life, and have enumerated his various public works: and, from what has been stated, Palladio, in this country, may be considered the grand-sire of our art; and, as long as good taste prevails, his name will ever be revered, notwithstanding the pains which have been taken, by the enthusiastic admirers of Grecian architecture, to suppress the Roman style of building, as adopted by him, and which, by men of the most profound judgement, has been considered the best calculated to illustrate the most sublime, as well as the most tasteful, compositions." The detail of Grecian architecture is beautiful, and cannot fail to be admired by the lovers of the science; but, when compared in the aggregate, as regards its application to general compositions, it is inferior to the Roman style, inasmuch as its general proportions are too severe, and the parts too heavy to

be amalgamated in varied compositions, upon an extended scale, where *novelty* is required. Let it, however, be understood, that we are great admirers of Grecian architecture; at the same time, we feel it incumbent to direct the student to the consideration of Roman principles, and to guard him, if possible, against the prevailing effects of prejudice.

PROPORTIONS OF THE ORDERS.

IN the opinion of Scamozzi, columns should not be less than seven of their diameters in height, nor more than ten; the former being, according to him, a good proportion in the Tuscan, and the latter in the Corinthian, order. The practice of the antients in their best works being conformable to this precept, we have, as authorised by the doctrine of Vitruvius, made the Tuscan *seven* diameters, and the Doric *eight*; the Ionic *nine*, as Palladio and Vignola have done; and the Corinthian and Composite *ten*; which last is a mean between the proportions observed in the Pantheon, at Rome, and at the three columns in the Campo Vaccino, both which are esteemed most excellent models of the Corinthian order.

The height of the entablatures, in all the orders, are made one quarter of the height of the Column; which was the common practice of the antients, who, in all sorts of entablatures, seldom exceeded or fell short of that measure.

Nevertheless, Palladio, Scamozzi, Alberti, Barbaro, Cataneo, Delorme, and others of the modern architects,* have made their entablatures much lower in the Ionic, Composite, and Corinthian, orders, than in the Tuscan or Doric. This, on some occasions, may not only be excusable, but highly proper; particularly where the intercolumniations are wide, as in a second or third order, in private houses, or inside decorations, where lightness should be preferred to dignity; and where expense, with every impediment to the conveniency of the fabric, are carefully

* *Leoni Baptista Alberti* was an Italian architect, of great eminence, who died in 1485.

Barbaro, born in 1513, and died in 1570, was an architect of much learning; he was ambassador from Venice to England, and left in 1551.

Cataneo was an Italian architect; he wrote a Commentary on Vitruvius.

Delorme was a French architect, born at Lyons, in the sixteenth century; he was the restorer of architecture in France.

to be avoided ; but to set aside a proportion which seems to have had the general approbation of the antient architects, is surely presuming too far.

The reason alleged in favour of this practice is the weakness of the columns in the delicate orders, which renders them unfit for supporting heavy burdens ; and where the intervals are fixed, as in a second order ; or, in other places, where wide intercolumniations are either necessary, or not to be avoided, the reason is certainly sufficient ; but, if the architect be at liberty to dispose his columns at pleasure, the simplest and the most natural way of conquering the difficulty is, to employ more columns, by placing them nearer to each other, as was the custom of the antients. And it must be remembered that, though the height of the entablature in a delicate order is made the same as in a massive one, yet it will not, either in reality or in appearance, be equally heavy ; for the quantity of matter in the Corinthian cornice A, is considerably less than in the Tuscan cornice B,* and the increased number of parts composing the former will, of course, make it appear far lighter than the latter.

With regard to the parts of the entablature, we have followed the method of Serlio,† in his Ionic and Corinthian Orders ; and of Perrault, who, in all his orders, except the Doric, divides the whole height of the entablature into ten equal parts, three of which he gives to the architrave, three to the frieze, and four to the cornice ; and in the Doric *order*, he divides the whole height of the entablature into eight parts, of which two are given to the architrave, three to the frieze, and three to the cornice.

These measures deviate very little from those observed in the greatest number of antiques now extant at Rome, where they have stood the test of many ages, and their simplicity renders them singularly useful in composition, as they are easily remembered and easily applied.

Of two modes, used by antient and modern architects, to determine the dimensions of the mouldings, and the lesser parts that compose an order, we have chosen the simplest, readiest, and most accurate ; which is, by the *Module*, or semi-diameter of the column, taken at the bottom of the shaft, and divided into thirty minutes.

* See the *plate*, No. 2, of *Orders*, all shewn of the same height.

† *Serlio* was a Bolognese, a disciple of Perriozzi, and was the first architect who measured and published the remains of Roman architecture : he died in the service of Francis I, 1552.

There are, indeed, many who prefer the method of measuring by equal parts, imagining beauty to depend on the simplicity and accuracy of the relations existing between the whole body and its members, and alleging that dimensions, which have evident affinities, are better remembered than those whose relations are too complicated to be immediately apprehended.

With regard to the former of these suppositions, it is evidently false; for the real relations subsisting between dissimilar figures, have not any connexion with the apparent ones; and, with regard to the latter, it may or may not be the case, according to the degree of accuracy with which the partition is made: for instance, in dividing the attic base, which may be numbered among the simplest compositions in architecture, according to the different methods, it appears as easy to recollect the numbers 10, $7\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $4\frac{3}{4}$, 1, $5\frac{3}{4}$, as to remember that the entire height of the base is to be divided into three equal parts; that two of these three are to be divided into four; that three of the four are to be divided into two; and that one of the two is to be divided into six, of which one is to be divided into three.

But, admitting that it were easier to remember the one than the other, it does not seem necessary, nor even advisable, in a science where a vast diversity of knowledge is required, to burden the memory with a thousand trifling dimensions. If the general proportions be known, it is all that is requisite in composing; and, when a design is to be executed, it is easy to have recourse to figured drawings, or to prints. The use of the module is universal, throughout the orders and all their appertenances; it marks their relation to each other; and, being susceptible of the minutest divisions, the dimensions may be speedily determined with the utmost accuracy; while the trouble, confusion, uncertainty, and loss of time, in measuring by equal parts, are very considerable, seeing it is necessary to form almost as many different scales as there are different parts to be divided.

Columns, in imitation of trees, from which they derive their origin, are tapered in the shafts. In the specimens of antiquity the diminution is variously performed: sometimes beginning from the foot of the shaft, at others from one quarter, or one-third, of its height; the lower part being left perfectly cylindrical. The former of these methods was most in use amongst the antients, and being the most natural, seems to claim the preference, though the latter has been almost universally practised by modern architects, from a supposition, perhaps, of its being more graceful, as it is more marked and strikingly perceptible.

“The first architects,” says Monsieur Auzott, “probably made their columns in straight lines, in imitation of trees, so that their shaft was the frustum of the cone; but, finding this form abrupt and disagreeable, they made use of some curve, which, springing from the extremities of the superior and inferior diameters of the column swelled beyond the sides of the cone, and thus gave the most pleasing figure to the outline. Vitruvius, in the second chapter of his third book, mentions this practice; but in so obscure and cursory a manner, that his meaning has not been clearly understood; and several of the modern architects, intending to conform themselves to his doctrine, have made the diameters of their columns greater in the middle than at the foot of the shaft. Leoni Baptista Alberti,* with several of the Florentine and Roman architects, carried this practice to a very absurd excess, for which they have been justly blamed, it being neither natural, reasonable, nor beautiful.”

Sir Henry Wotton, in his *Elements of Architecture*, says, in his usual quaint style, “And here I must take leave to blame a practice growne (I know not how) in *certaine* places too familiar of making *pillars* swell in the middle, as if they were *sicke* of some *tympany* or *dropsie*, without any *authentique* pattern or rule to my knowledge, and unseemly to the very judgement and sight.”

And Monsieur Auzott further observes, “that a column, supposing its shaft to be the frustum of a cone, may have an additional thickness in the middle without being swelled in that part, beyond the bulk of its inferior parts, and supposes the addition, mentioned by Vitruvius, to signify not any thing more than the increase towards the middle of the column, occasioned by changing the straight line, which at first was in use, into a curve, and, by dextrous means, to ‘snatch a grace beyond the reach of art.’”

The supposition of Auzott is extremely just, and founded on what is observable in the works of antiquity, where there is not any single instance of a column thicker in the middle than at the bottom, though all, or most of them, have the swelling hinted at by Vitruvius, all of them being terminated by curves; some few granite columns excepted, which are bounded by straight lines: a proof,

* “This classical author, Alberti, divides the height of the column into seven parts, and places the greatest swelling at the height of the third division of these parts from the base; so that he assumes the doctrine of Vitruvius by the strict letter, conceiving his meaning to be that the swelling is very near the middle of the height of the column.”

perhaps, of their antiquity, or of their having been wrought in the quarries of Egypt by unskilful workmen.

Blondel, an eminent French architect already noticed, in a work written by him, and entitled "*Resolution des quatre principaux Problèmes d'Architecture*," teaches various modes of diminishing columns; the best and simplest of which is by means of the instrument invented by *Nicodemes*, to describe the first conchoid: for this, being applied to the bottom of the shaft, performs, at one sweep, both the swelling and the diminution; giving such a graceful form to the column, that it is universally allowed to be the most perfect practice hitherto discovered. The columns in the Pantheon, at Rome, accounted the most beautiful among the antiques, are traced in this manner, as appears by the exact measures of one of them, to be found in Desgotez's *Antiquities of Rome*.*

To give a clear idea of the operation, it will be necessary first to describe Vignola's diminution, on which it is grounded. "As to this second method," says Vignola, "it is a discovery of my own; and, although it is less known than the former, it will be easily comprehended by the figure."†

Having, therefore, determined the measures of your column, (that is to say, the height of the shaft, and its inferior and superior diameters,) draw a line, indefinitely, from C through D, perpendicular to the axis of the column: this done, set off the distance CD, which is the inferior semi-diameter from A, the extreme point of the superior semi-diameter, to B, a point in the axis. Then, from A, through B, draw the line ABE, which will cut the indefinite line CD in E; and from this point of intersection, E, draw, through the axis of the column, any number of rays, as Eba, on each of which, from the axis towards the circumference, setting off the interval CD, you may form any number of points *a, a, a*, through which, if a curve be drawn, it will describe the swelling and diminution of the column, and produce the most graceful contour.

This method has been considered sufficiently accurate for practice, and especially if a considerable number of points be found; yet, strictly speaking, it is

* *Desgotez* was a French architect of considerable research, and his works are highly esteemed. The student is cautioned against Marshall's translation; the latter was published in London, 1771, the original in Paris, in 1682.

† Vide Plate I, of *Orders*, in which the instrument invented by *Nicomedes* is fully described; and likewise the manner of drawing the several legitimate mouldings adverted to, as appertaining to the Theory and Practice of the Five Orders.

defective; as the curve must either be drawn by hand, or by applying a flexible rule to all the points; both of which are liable to variations. Blondel, therefore, to obviate this objection, (after having proved the curve, passing from A to C, through the points *aa*, to be of the same nature with the first conchoid of the antients,) employed the instrument of Nicomedes to describe it, the construction of which is as follows:—

Having determined, as above, the length of the shaft, with the inferior and superior diameters of the column; and having, likewise, found the length of the line CDE, take three rules, either of wood or metal, as FG, ID, and AH; of which let FG and ID be fastened together at right angles, in G. Cut a dovetail groove in the middle of FG, from top to bottom; and, at the point E, on the rule ID, (whose distance from the middle of the groove in FG is the same as that of the point of intersection from the axis of the column,) fix a pin; then, in the rule AH, set off the distance AB equal to CD, the inferior semi-diameter of the column; and, at the point B, fix a button, whose head must be exactly fitted to the groove made in FG, in which it is to slide; and, at the other extremity of the rule AH, cut a slit or channel from HCK, whose length must not be less than the difference of length between EB and ED, and whose breadth must be sufficient to admit the pin fixed at E, which must pass through the slit, that the rule may slide thereon.

The instrument being thus completed, if the middle groove in the rule FG be placed exactly over the axis of the column, it is evident that the rule AH, in moving along the groove, will, with its extremity A, describe A, *a, a*, C; which curve is the same as that produced by Vignola's method of diminution, supposing it done with the utmost accuracy: for the interval AB, *ab*, is always the same, and the point E is the origin of an infinity of lines, of which the points BA, *ba*, *ba*, extending from the axis to the circumference, are equal to each other and to DC. And, if the rules be of an indefinite size, and the pins at E and B be made to move along their respective rules, so that the intervals, AB and DE, may be augmented or diminished at pleasure; it is likewise evident that the same instrument may be thus applied to columns of any size.

In the remains of antiquity, the quantity of diminution at the upper diameter of columns is various; but seldom less than one-eighth of the inferior diameter of the column, nor more than one-sixth of it. The last of these is, by Vitruvius,

esteemed the most perfect, and Vignola has employed it in four of his Orders, as we have in all of them; there being no reason for diminishing the Tuscan column more, in proportion to its diameter, than any of the rest; though it be the doctrine of Vitruvius, and the practice of Palladio, Vignola, Scamozzi, and almost all the modern architects. On the contrary, as Monsieur Perrault justly observes, its diminution ought to be rather less than more; as it actually is in the Trajan column, at Rome, being there only one-ninth of the diameter. For, even where the same proportion is observed through all the orders, the absolute quantity of the diminution in the Tuscan Order, supposing the columns of the same height, exceeds that in the Corinthian in the ratio of ten to seven; and if, according to the common practice, the Tuscan column be less by one quarter at the top than at its foot, the difference between the diminution in the Tuscan and in the Corinthian columns will be as fifteen to seven; and in the Tuscan and Doric nearly as fifteen to nine: so that, notwithstanding there is a considerable difference between the lower diameters of a Tuscan and of a Doric column, both being of the same height, yet their diameters at the top will be nearly equal; and, consequently, the Tuscan will not, in reality, be any stronger than the Doric one; which is contrary to the character of the order.

Vitruvius, in his third Book, chapter the third, allots different degrees of diminution to columns of various heights; giving to those of fifteen feet one-sixth of their diameter; to such as are from twenty to thirty feet, one-seventh; and when they are from forty to fifty feet high, one-eighth only: observing that, as the eye is easily deceived in viewing distant objects, which always appear less than they really are, it is necessary to remedy the deception by an increase of their dimensions: otherwise the work will appear ill-constructed and disagreeable to the eye.

Most of the modern architects have taught the same doctrine: but Perrault, in his notes, both on this passage, and on the second chapter of the sixth book, endeavours to prove the absurdity thereof. In fact, it is, on most occasions, if not on all, an evident error; which Vitruvius and his followers have probably been led into, through neglect of combining circumstances. For, if the validity of Perrault's arguments be not assented to, and it is required to judge according to the rigour of optical laws, it must be remembered, that, the proper point of view for a column of fifty feet high, is not the same as for one of fifteen: but, on the contrary, more distant, in the same proportion as the column is higher: and

that, consequently, the apparent relation between the lower and upper diameters of the column will be the same, whatever be its size. For if we suppose* A to be a point of view, whose respective distance from each of the columns, fg , FG , is equal to the respective heights of each, the triangles fAg , FAG , will be similar; and Af , or Ah , which is the same, will be to Ag , as AF , or its equal AH , is to AG : therefore if de be in reality to bc , as DE is to BC , it will likewise be apparently so; for the angle dAc will then be to the angle bAc , as the angle DAE is to the angle BAC ; and if the real relations differ, the apparent ones will also differ.

The eye of the spectator is supposed to be in a line perpendicular to the foot of the shaft; but if the columns be proportionately raised to any height above the eye, the argument will remain in force, as the point in view must of course be proportionately more distant; and even when columns are placed immediately on the ground, which seldom or ever is the case, the alteration occasioned by that situation is too trifling to deserve notice.

When, therefore, a certain degree of diminution, which, by experience, is found pleasing, has been fixed upon, there will not be any necessity for changing it, whatever be the height of the column, provided the point of view is not limited; but, in those places where the spectator is not at liberty to choose a proper distance for his point of sight, which must be almost invariably the case in viewing the public buildings of the metropolis, the architect, if he inclines to be scrupulously accurate, may take the liberty to vary the diminutions according to the situation. But, in reality, it is not a matter of any great importance; as, in all probability, the nearness of the object will render the image thereof indistinct; and, consequently, any small alteration imperceptible.

Scamozzi, who esteems it an essential property of the delicate order to exceed the massy ones in height, has applied the above cited precept of Vitruvius to the different orders: having diminished the Tuscan column one quarter of its diameter; the Doric one-fifth; the Ionic one-sixth; the Roman or Composite one-seventh; and, the Corinthian one-eighth. In the preceding part of these definitions upon the subject, the fallacy of Vitruvius' ideas has been shown, upon principles which cannot be set aside, that is, with respect to the heights of his orders, and where the error of reducing the Tuscan column more than any

* Vide *Orders*, Plate I, containing Nicomedes' diagram of swelling columns, &c.

of the others has been proved, and which diminution is illustrated by the foregoing arguments: so that it is needless to say any thing further on the subject now; for, as the case is similar, the same reasoning may be employed in continuation.

The intention being to give an exact idea of the orders of the antients, they are represented under such figures and proportions as appear to have been most in use in the esteemed works of the Romans and Grecians, who, in the opinions of the most eminent writers, carried architecture to the highest degree of perfection. It must not, however, be imagined that the same general proportions will, on all occasions, succeed. Those which we prefer have been collected chiefly from the temples and other public structures of antiquity, and may be employed in churches, palaces, and other buildings of magnificence, where majesty and grandeur of manner should be extended to their utmost limits. Where the whole composition is generally large, the parts require an extraordinary degree of boldness, to make them distinctly perceptible from the proper general points of view: but, in less considerable edifices, and under various circumstances, of which details will hereafter be given, more suitable, and perhaps more elegant, proportions may often be designed by the ingenuity of man.

AN ORDER of ARCHITECTURE, as before observed, consists of two grand parts, the *Column* and the *Entablature*. The COLUMN comprises the *Base*, *Shaft*, and *Capital*; and the ENTABLATURE, the *Architrave*, *Frieze*, and *Cornice*; each of which parts must be divided, subdivided, and arranged, as hereinafter described, by the several figured engravings, which will teach the reader not only how to draw but to construct the several orders upon the most correct principles.

DEFINITIONS, &c.

IF a CIRCULAR COLUMN has no base, it is called a *frustum column*; but, if it has one, the shaft, base, and capital, altogether, form the *Column*, and the mass supported by the column, is denominated the *Entablature*.

The beam, which is presumed to rest upon the column, and forms the lowest part of the entablature, is called the ARCHITRAVE, or *Epistylum*.

The space comprehended between the upper side of the architrave or epistylum, and the under side of the presumed beam over the joists, is called the **FRIEZE**, or *Frize*, or *Zophorus*.

The profile, or edge of the presumed inclined roof, upheld by the joists, or cross beams, projecting beyond the face of the frieze or zophorus, is called the **CORNICE**.

The thickest or lowest part of the column is called the *lower diameter*; and the slenderest or uppermost part of the column is called the *upper diameter*.

Half the lower diameter is called a *Module*, which, being divided into thirty equal parts, these are called *Minutes*; by this scale every part appertaining to the order is regulated, both as regards the altitude and projection of the several component parts, each of which are minutely represented in the particular engravings of the Five Orders hereafter.

The depth of the column, from the lowest part of the architrave to the upper diameter, or slenderest part of the column, is called the **CAPITAL**.

The space comprehended between the upper diameter, or slenderest part of the column, and the lower diameter, or thickest part of the same, is called the **SHAFT**; and the space, if any, between the pedestal, or step, is called the **BASE**; but if without any, of course the column must then rest upon the step, as in the Grecian, Doric, &c.

The smallest spaces between the lower diameters of columns, standing in the same range, are called **INTERCOLUMNIATIONS**.

When intercolumniations are one diameter and a half of the lower diameters of columns, they are called *pycnostyle*, or columns set thickly.

When the intercolumniations are two diameters of the lower diameters, they are called *systyle*.

When the intercolumniations are two and one quarter of the lower diameters, they are called *eustyle*.

When the intercolumniations are three diameters of the lower diameters, they are called *decastyle*.

When the intercolumniations are four diameters of the lower diameters of columns, they are called *æosystyle*, or columns set thinly; in which case they may be coupled, in the manner of the portico in the west front of St. Paul's, London, and many other grand edifices.

When porticos consist of four columns, with three intercolumniations, they are called *tetrastyle*; with six columns, *hexastyle*; with eight columns, *octastyle*; and, in like manner, according to the number of columns, they are identified by Latin terms, which may be created *ad infinitum*.

Porticos to public buildings, with six, eight, or ten, columns, are the most esteemed; yet, among the antient buildings, beautiful examples, with four columns only, are frequent; as, for instance, the much admired Doric portico at Athens, and the Ionic specimen on the river Ilissus, and many others executed under the direction of Grecian and Roman architects; the details of which cannot fail to be duly appreciated.

MOULDINGS, ORNAMENTS, &c.

A LITTLE digression here may be useful to the practical student; to whom we earnestly recommend a second perusal of the preceding parts of this chapter; and, subsequently, to copy the engravings, making his drawings, double, treble, or quadruple, the sizes of the originals, by which means he will presently acquire a thorough acquaintance with the different parts of the orders; and, by degrees, will be able to compose, design, and execute, architectural subjects, with ease and comfort to himself, and satisfaction to his employers.

Having explained the more general, we shall now proceed to illustrate all the detailed, parts of the different orders, with their properties, application, and enrichments, as regards the theory of MOULDINGS.

As in all other arts, so in architecture, there are certain elementary forms, which, though simple in their nature, and few in number, are the principal constituent objects of every composition; however complicated or extensive it may be.

Of these there are, in this science, two distinct sorts; the first consisting of such parts as represent those that were essentially necessary in the construction of the primitive huts, as the shaft of the column, with the plinth of its base, and the abacus of its capital; representing upright trees, with the stones used to raise and to cover them, likewise the architrave and triglyph, representing the

beams and joists; the mutules, modillions, and dentils, either representing the rafters, or some other pieces of timber employed to support the covering: and the corona, representing the beds of materials which composed the covering itself. All these are properly distinguished by the appellation of *essential parts*, and form the first class. The subservient members, contrived for the use and ornament of these, and intended either to support, to shelter, or to unite them gracefully together, which are usually called **MOULDINGS**, constitute the second class.

The *essential* parts were, most probably, the only ones employed, even in the first stone buildings; as may be collected from some antient specimens yet remaining: for the architects of those early times, had certainly very imperfect ideas of beauty in the productions of art, and therefore contented themselves with barely imitating the rude model before them: but at length comparing the works of their own hands with animal and vegetable productions, each species of which is composed of a great diversity of forms, affording an inexhaustible fund of amusement to the mind, they could not but conceive a disgust at the frequent repetition of square figures in their buildings, and therefore thought of introducing certain intermediate parts, which might seem to be of some use, and, at the same time, be so formed, as to give a more varied and pleasing appearance to the whole composition; and this, in all probability, was the origin of mouldings.

Of **REGULAR MOULDINGS** there are but eight; the names of which are, the *Ovolo*, the *Talon*, the *Cyma*, the *Cavetto*, the *Torus*, the *Astragal*, the *Scotia*, and the *Fillet*.*

The names of these are allusive to their forms; and their forms are adapted to the uses which they are intended to serve. The *Ovolo* and *Talon*, being strong at their extremities, are fit for supports. The *Cyma* and *Cavetto*, though improper for that purpose, as they are weak in the extreme parts, and terminate in a point, are well contrived for coverings to shelter other members: the tendency of their outline being very opposite to the direction of falling water, which, for that reason, cannot glide along their surface, but must necessarily drop from it. The *Torus* and *Astragal*, shaped like ropes, are intended to bind and strengthen the parts on which they are employed; and the use of the *Fillet* and *Scotia* is only to separate, contrast, and strengthen, the effect of other mouldings; to give

* Vide Plate I. of Mouldings, &c.

a graceful turn to the profile, and to prevent that confusion which would be occasioned by joining several convex members together.

That the inventors of these forms meant to express something by these different figures, will scarcely be denied; and that the above-mentioned were their destinations, may be deduced not only from their figures, but from the practice of the antients in their most esteemed works: for, if we examine the Pantheon, the three columns of Campo Vaccino, the Temple of Jupiter Tonans, the fragments of the Frontispiece of Nero, the Basilica of Antonius, the Forum of Nerva, the Arches of Titus and Septimus Severus, the Theatre of Marcellus, and almost every antient building, either at Rome, or in other parts of Italy, France, or elsewhere, it will be found, that, in all their profiles, the *Cyma* and the *Cavetto* are constantly used as finishings, and never applied where strength is required: that the *Ovolo* and *Talon* are always employed as supporters to the essential members of the composition, such as the modillions, dentils, and coronas.

The chief use of the *Torus* and *Astragal* is, to fortify the tops and bottoms of columns, and sometimes of pedestals, where they are frequently cut in the form of ropes: as in the Trajan column, in the Temple of Concord, and in several fragments which are to be seen at Rome, and in other antient edifices, at places where architecture has been most encouraged.

The *Scotia* is employed only to separate the members of bases, for which purpose the *Fillet* is likewise used, not only in bases, but in all kinds of profiles.*

Mr. Gwilt, a modern author, very justly observes, although it is not mentioned in Chambers, that the *Ovolo* should be used only above the level of the eye of the spectator; that the *Cavetto* ought not to be seen in bases or capitals; that the *Cyma-recta* ought to be used only in crowning members; the *Scotia* below the eye; and the *Fillet* when required to separate the curved parts.

The same author furthermore appositely remarks that, in these days, all sense in the application of appropriate forms in mouldings seems extinct, and Palladio set at defiance. In addition, he states that, the artist or artisan who can now produce the newest and most extraordinary moulding in projecting an order, is considered as the greatest genius. These observations are founded in truth.

Without paying any attention to the *whims* of the day, it may be safely inferred, as Chambers remarks, that there is something positive and natural in the *primary*

* For the History of Mouldings, and their origin, *vide* Evelyn's Account of Architects and Architecture.

forms of architecture; and, consequently, in the subordinate parts: and that Palladio erred in employing the Cavetto under the Corona, in three of his orders, and in making such frequent use, through all his profiles, of the Cyma, as a supporting member. Nor has Vignola been more judicious in finishing his Tuscan cornice with an Ovolo; a moulding extremely improper for that purpose, and productive of a very disagreeable effect: for it gives a mutilated air to the entire of the profile, so much the more striking as it resembles exactly that half of the Ionic cornice, which is under the Corona. Other architects have been guilty of similar improprieties, and are therefore equally blameable.

Various are the MODES of DESCRIBING the CONTOUR or OUTLINE of ROMAN MOULDINGS; the simplest, however, and the best, is to form them of quadrants of circles, as shown in the first plate of *Orders*, by which means the different depressions and swellings will be more strongly marked; the transitions be made without any angles, and the projections be agreeable to the doctrines of Vitruvius and the practice of the antients: those of the Ovolo, Talon, Cyma, and Cavetto, being each equal to their height; that of the Scotia to one-third, and those of the curved parts of the Torus or Astragal to one-half of their heights.

On particular occasions, however, it may sometimes be necessary to increase, and at other times to diminish, these projections, according to the situation or other circumstances attending the profile; and where it so happens, the Ovolo, Talon, Cyma, and Cavetto, may be either described from the summits of equilateral triangles, or be composed of the quadrants of the ellipses, in the Grecian manner; of which the latter should be preferred, as it produces a stronger contrast of light and shade, and therefore marks the forms more distinctly.

The Scotia may be likewise framed of elliptical portions, or quadrants, of the circle, varying more or less from each other; by which mean, its projection may be either increased or diminished: but the curved part of the Torus or Astragal should be semi-circular, in imitation of the Roman manner, and the increase in the projection be made by straight lines: but when, in imitation of the superior Grecian style of moulding, the upper part of the Torus should be flatter than the lower, and be regulated according to the altitude of the mouldings from the ground: the pleasing effects of this method of profiling is observable in the contour of all the Torus mouldings in the Bank of England, where the ingenious architect has very judiciously introduced, as the prevailing order of the exterior,

one of the best specimens of Roman art, of the Corinthian order, in the adoption of the beautiful example taken from the Temple of Vesta, at Tivoli; in which instance, the mouldings, meaning those of the Bank, altogether participate in the Grecian character, and we have been induced particularly to notice that magnificent building as a striking proof of the good taste of the Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy, whose classic feeling for the association of Roman and Grecian architecture is every where manifested in the well-arranged building adverted to; that is, where the original style of the architecture has been metamorphosed.

The Ovolo, adopted by the Grecian architects, differs widely from the Roman specimen; its contour, in most cases, is a part of the ellipsis; in some instances it is hyperbolic; and, in some examples, it approximates to a straight line.

In Grecian architecture, the Elliptical Ovolo, or Echinus, is introduced into cornices, architraves, and also into the capitals of the Ionic and Doric orders; in the latter of which it forms a very conspicuous feature. The Ovolo, or Echinus, in the capitals of the Doric portico at Athens, the temple at Corinth, and those of Pæstum in Italy, are each of them elliptical; the hyperbolic form is also prevalent, and frequently to be met with in Athenian buildings, particularly in the Temples of Minerva and Theseus, and likewise in the capitals of the columns of the *Propylea*, the magnificent entrance to the citadel of Athens. The buildings last adverted to were erected during the administration of Pericles, 444 to 429 B. C. In the capitals of the columns, in the portico of Philip, king of Macedonia, the echinus is a straight line, as well as in other ancient buildings; examples and profiles of which are given throughout this work for the instruction of the practical builder.

In Roman architecture, the Ovolo, or Echinus is invariably some portion of a circle; seldom or ever exceeding the quantity of degrees contained in the quadrant, but very frequently less. The hollow or Cavetto moulding is very frequently met with in Roman buildings, but it is not a favourite moulding, nor do we find many specimens of it in the remains of Grecian architecture. In the latter, we find the Doric Cymatium under the fillet of a finishing or crown moulding: but in Roman specimens, few, if any, examples can be produced.

The Cyma-recta, in Grecian and Roman architecture, is very nearly of the same shape and character, and is likewise applied for similar purposes. The

Cyma-reversa, in Grecian and Roman architecture, likewise approximate each other in degrees of similitude, and in one of the best specimens of Roman buildings it is applied under the fillets of the crown mouldings of cornices; but, in Grecian buildings, we do not remember any example, except in the portico of Philip, king of Macedon, to which the reader is referred, in the series of engraved Grecian profiles, to be seen in various architectural works.

The quirk, or bending inwards, of the uppermost edge of the Grecian ovolo or echinus, produces, when the sun shines on its surface, the most beautiful variety of light and shade; this relieves it considerably from the adjoining plain surface; and, if entirely obscured in shadow, it will borrow a reflected light, and the quirking or turning inward at the top will also occasion a large portion of shade, which likewise, under peculiar circumstances, is calculated to produce the most pleasing effect.

In the Roman echinus or ovolo, there is not any quirk at the top; and the consequence is, when the sun shines on its surface, it does not appear so interesting on its upper edge, as the Grecian echinus; nor will it produce such a beautiful line of distinction in connexion with mouldings which are combined, that is, when under shadow or lighted by reflection.

In the Grecian Cyma-reversa, the quirk, or turning in of its upper edge, and the turning out or bending of the under edge, will be most advantageously seen when the sun shines remarkably bright on those edges; which will, in a great measure, relieve it from the surrounding perpendicular surfaces, when adjoining to or combined together; and when under shadow, and lighted by reflection, the inclination of the superior and inferior edges will likewise produce the strongest line of distinction on each of the edges; that is, between it and the other mouldings.

Now let us examine the difference in effect between the Grecian example and the Roman, and it will be presently seen how much superior the Grecian style of moulding is over that of the Roman. The superior and inferior edges of the Roman Cyma-reversa, being perpendicular to the horizon, the place lightest on the surface will not be a single degree lighter, nor will it be, in the remotest manner, better relieved under shadow than perpendicular surfaces exhibited under the same circumstances. By a comparative view, therefore, of the most scientific principle of composing mouldings, it is manifest that the Grecian architects were better skilled in designing the minutiae and detail of architecture than

those of the Roman school; the practical student will therefore act wisely by studying the beautiful contour of the Grecian mouldings, as well as the ornaments adapted to them; taking care to avoid, where it is consistent, the stringy or *liney* effect of the ornaments peculiar to the Grecian specimens. The Romans, in designing their foliage, as by reference to the best examples may be seen, exceeded the former in luxuriance of fancy and richness of style; but, in purity and correctness of taste, they were inferior in the composition of ornaments suited to the various mouldings which constitute the component parts of the most antient orders.

Taking, therefore, into consideration the beauties of Grecian and Roman ornaments, we are of opinion that the student should carefully copy, draw, and examine, the ornaments of each style; and thus he will, if industrious, be able in the course of time to discriminate, and to extract, with truth, taste, and judgement, the beauties of Roman and Grecian ornaments; and, consequently, form a style peculiar to himself. The man who condescends to be a slavish copiest, on all occasions, is unworthy of the honourable appellation of an architect.

It has been stated that Michael Angelo, the greatest architect, painter, and sculptor, of his time, once observed, that he who followed another was sure to be behind. Let every student, therefore, soar as high as his competitor; and, by degrees, he will arrive at excellence, and obtain the meed due to his labour: the wreath of honest fame which cannot be purchased by the riches of Mexico or Peru.

An assemblage of essential parts and mouldings, is termed a *PROFILE*; and on the choice, disposition, and proportions, of these depend the beauty or deformity of the composition. The most perfect profiles are such as consist of few mouldings: varied, both in form and size; fitly applied, with regard to their uses; and so distributed that the straight and curved ones succeed each other alternately. In every profile there should be a predominant member, to which all the others ought to appear subservient, and made either to support or to fortify it, or to shelter it from injuries of weather: and, wherever the profile is considerable, or much complicated, the predominant member should always be accompanied with one or more other principal members, in form and dimension calculated to attract the eye, create momentary pauses, and assist the perception of the beholder. These predominant and principal members ought always to be of the essential

class; and generally rectangular. Thus, in a cornice, the corona predominates; the modillions and dentils are principals in the composition; the cyma and cavetto cover them; the ovolo and talon support them.

When ornaments are employed to decorate profiles, some of the mouldings should always be left plain, in order to form a proper repose: for when all are enriched, the figure of the profile is lost in confusion. In the cornices of the entablatures, the coronas should not be ornamented, nor the modillion-bands, nor the other different fascias of the architraves: neither should the plinths of columns, fillets, nor scarcely any square member, be carved. For, generally speaking, they are either principal in compositions, or applied as boundaries to other parts; in each of which instances their figures should be simple, distinct, and unembarrassed. The dentil-bands should remain uncut, where the ovolo and talon immediately above and below it are enriched; as in the Corinthian cornice of the Pantheon, at Rome; and also in our magnificent Cathedral of Saint Paul, in the City of London. For where the dentils are marked, especially if they are minute, as in Palladio's Corinthian design, the three members are confounded together; and, being surcharged with ornaments, they become by far too rich for the residue of the composition, which are defects at all times studiously to be avoided; as a distinct outline, and an equal distribution of enrichments, must, on every occasion, strictly be attended to.

Scamozzi, who succeeded Palladio in all his chief employments at Vicenza, observes, with great truth, that ornaments should neither be too frugally employed, nor distributed with too much profusion; their value will increase in proportion to the judgement and discretion shown in their application. For, in effect, says he, the ornaments of sculpture, used in architecture, are like diamonds in a female dress, with which it would be absurd to cover the face or other principal parts, either in themselves beautiful, or appearing with greater propriety in their natural state.

Variety in ornaments ought not to be carried to an excess. In architecture they are only accessories, and therefore they should not be too striking, nor capable of long detaining the attention from the main object. Those of the mouldings, in particular, should be simple, uniform, nor ever composed of more than two different representations upon each moulding: these ought to be cut equally deep, be formed of the same number of parts, and all nearly of the same

dimensions, in order to produce an even, calm, and uninterrupted, effect throughout: so that the eye may not be more strongly attracted by any particular part than by the entire composition.

When mouldings are of the same form and size in a profile, they should be enriched with ornaments of one kind: hence the figure of the profile will be better comprehended, and the architect will avoid the imputation of childish minuteness, neither much to his own credit, nor of any advantage to his works.

It must be remarked, that, all manner of ornaments appertaining to mouldings should be evenly and regularly disposed, corresponding perpendicularly above each other, as at the three columns in the Campo Vaccino, where the middles of the modillions, dentils, oves, or eggs, and other ornaments, are all in one perpendicular line. For nothing can be more careless, confused, and unsightly, than to divide them without any order, as they are in many examples of the antients, and in many buildings in London, where the middle of an ove, or egg, answers, in some instances, to the edge of the dentil, and in some to its middle, and in others to the interval. All the rest of the ornaments in the cornices of entablatures should be governed by the modillions, or mutules; and the distribution of these must depend on the intervals of the columns: and be so disposed that one of them may come directly over the centre of each of the columns.

It is further to be remarked, that the ornaments should partake of the character of the order they enrich. Those applied to the Doric and Ionic order should be of the simplest forms, and of larger sizes, than those employed in the Corinthian and Composite.

When friezes or other large compartments are required to be enriched, the ornaments should be appropriate and significant, and serve to indicate the use for which the building is intended, the rank, qualities, profession, as well as the achievements, of the proprietor: but it is a very silly practice to crowd almost every part with heraldic arms, crests, cyphers, and mottos: insignificant figures of such things are for the most part not only contemptible, but, generally speaking, very bad, or extremely vulgar; and their introduction betrays an unbecoming vanity in the proprietor of the fabric. Hogarth, says Chambers, pleasantly ridiculed this practice by decorating a nobleman's crutch with a coronet.

In sacred places, all manner of obscene, grotesque, and heathenish, representa-

tions ought to be avoided: for indecent fables, extravagant conceits, or instruments and symbols of Pagan worship, are ornaments grossly improper in structures consecrated to Christian devotion.

With regard to the execution of ornaments, it is to be remembered that, as in sculpture, drapery is not esteemed, unless its folds are contrived to grace and indicate the parts and gesticulations of the body it covers; so in architecture, the most delicate and classical ornaments lose all their value if they load, alter, or confuse, the forms they are intended to enrich and adorn.

All manner of ornaments, therefore, which appertain to mouldings, except such as are cast, should be cut into the solid, and never applied on the surface, as Davilier, a late architect, has most erroneously taught; because the latter method not only alters, but disfigures, the forms and proportions of the mouldings. The profiles, therefore, should be first finished plain, and afterwards enriched; the most prominent parts of the ornaments being made equal with the surfaces of the mouldings they adorn: and great care should be taken, in all such cases, that the angles, or breaks, are kept perfect and untouched with sculpture; and from this reason it is usual, at the angles of all manner of enriched mouldings, to place water-leaves or other plain leaves, the centre filaments of which form the angles, and keep the outlines entire.

One of the most delightful examples, in verification of the before-mentioned principle, says Mr. Gwilt, is the capital of the order, used in the circular temple at Tivoli, in which the leaves, instead of being *aplique* to the bell of the capital, are absolutely cut out of it; the effect of which, says the same author, "*is wonderful as well as pleasing.*" We have been favoured with an exact copy of the capital adverted to, as measured by an artist upon the spot, and have great pleasure in presenting it to our readers, who may rely upon it as a correct representation, it being copied from an original, which has been subsequently introduced in the exterior elevation of the Bank of England, by the classical architect of that national and splendid structure.

The method of the antient sculptors, in the execution of architectonic ornaments, was to aim at a perfect representation of the object they chose to imitate; so that the chesnuts, acorns, and oves, or eggs, with which the ovolo is commonly enriched, are in the antient, as well as in modern, examples cut round and almost entirely detached; as are, likewise, the berries, or beads, on the astragal, which

are generally as much hollowed into the solid of the bodies as the mouldings which project beyond them; but the leaves, shells, and flowers, which are usually introduced to decorate the cavetto, cyma, talon, and torus, are kept flat, in imitation of the things which they represent.

The antients, in the application of their ornaments, were very choice in the selection of such as required considerable relief. On mouldings, that in themselves are clumsy, such as the ovolo and astragal, they made deep incisions to produce their enrichments, by which they acquired an extraordinary lightness: but, on more elegant parts, such as the cavetto and cyma, they employed the representation of very thin bodies, such as leaves, which could be represented without entering too far into the solid. The ornaments in the cornices of the antients were boldly marked, that they might be distinguished from afar; but those of the bases of columns, or of pedestals, being nearer the eye, were more slightly expressed; as well on that account, as because it would have been very improper to weaken those parts, and utterly impossible to keep them clean, had there been any deep cavities in them to harbour dust and filth.

When objects are very near, and liable to close inspection, every part of the ornaments, both great and small, should be forcibly expressed and well-finished: but, when they are much elevated, the minutiae or detail may be slightly touched only, or entirely neglected; for it is quite sufficient if the general form be distinct, and the principal or more prominent masses strongly marked. A few rough strokes, from the hand of a skilful master, are much more effectual than the most elaborate finishings of a cold and artless imitator, which seldom consists of more than smoothing and neatly rounding-off the parts, and are more calculated to destroy, than to produce, effect.

Nature is the supreme and true model of the imitative arts; from a contemplation of her beauties every great artist must form his idea of the profession in which he means, and is determined, to excel: the works of the antients are, to the architect, what nature is to the painter or sculptor; the source from which his chief knowledge must be collected; the models by which his taste must be formed. But, even in nature, few things are faultless, and it must not be imagined that every antient production in architecture, though Grecian or Roman, is perfect and fit for imitation. On the contrary, the remains of the antients are so extremely unequal, that it requires the greatest discrimination and circum-

spection and effort of judgment to make a proper choice. The Grecian and Roman arts, like those of other nations, have had their rise, their æra of perfection, their decline. At Athens, at Rome, as in London and Paris, and elsewhere, there have been but very few great architects, but many very indifferent ones; and the Romans and Grecians had their connoisseurs, as we have ours, who would sometimes dictate to the architect and cramp the fortunate sallies of his genius; force upon him, and upon the world, their own whimsical productions; promote ignorant flatterers; discourage, and even oppress, honest merit.

Vitruvius, who lived in the Augustan age, complains loudly of this hardship: and there is a remarkable instance of the vindictive spirit of an antient connoisseur in Adrian, who put to death the celebrated Apollodorus, for having ventured a sarcastic remark upon a temple designed by that emperor, and built under his direction.

In the constructive part of architecture, the antients do not seem to have been great proficient; and we are inclined to believe, with the most learned authors, that many of the deformities observable in the Grecian buildings must be ascribed to their deficiency in the art of construction. Neither does it appear that the Romans were much more skilful; the precepts by Vitruvius are very imperfect and ambiguous upon the subject, and sometimes extremely erroneous; and it is highly probable that the strength or duration of their structures is more owing to the quantity and goodness of their materials, than to any scientific principle of putting them together: we must not, therefore, expect from any of the antient works much information on the executive branch of the art.

Michael Angelo, who, skilled as he was in mathematical knowledge, could have no very high opinion of the antient mode of construction, boasted that he would suspend the largest temple of antiquity, meaning the Pantheon, in the air; this he afterwards verified in the cupola of Saint Peter's, at Rome: and Sir Christopher Wren, with not less ability, conducted all parts of Saint Paul's, and many others, his numerous admirable works, with so much ingenuity and art, that they are, and ever will be, studied and admired by all intelligent observers. To him, and several ingenious artists and artificers since his time, we owe many great improvements in carpentry, which has been, in late years, still further improved by the indefatigable labours of Mr. Peter Nicholson, upon whose scientific principles the British nation has established, and carried to the highest perfection, every thing which is interesting, instructive, and useful, in the art of building;

but particularly in carpentry and joinery, to which the veteran author has for years devoted himself, to the benefit of his fellow-subjects; nor is the public less indebted to other ingenious men.

Some of the French architects have also evinced considerable science in the constructive art; in the mason's particularly, which has been considerably improved by that nation; and we are likewise indebted to the French, to the Italians, and to a few of our own countrymen, for many valuable books, in which the manner of conducting great works is copiously explained.

From such works, composed on a principle similar to that now under perusal, the architect may collect the rudiments of construction; but, it is to be remembered that practice, experience, and attentive observation, are essentially requisite to render him properly skilled in this important branch of his profession.

REFERENCES TO THE PLATES ON THE PRECEDING THEORY OF THE FIVE ORDERS.

ORDERS, PLATE I.—*Fig. 1* represents two methods, in a joint diagram, of producing graceful or pleasing contours to the shafts of columns, by Vignola and Nicomedes, which are fully described in reference to this plate in the body of the work.

Fig. 2 elucidates also, by an optical diagram, the theory on the diminution of columns, likewise adverted to, subsequent to the former, in the letter-press.

Figures 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, represent the different Roman mouldings, used in the combination of bases, capitals, and entablatures, with the method of drawing them, and the names attached to each.

Fig. 11 represents the outline of the Doric order, with lettered references to the respective mouldings, so that the student may refer to the names of each, and thus become familiar with the science.

Fig. 12 exhibits the entablature and capital of the Grecian Doric order, as built in the Temple of Theseus, at Athens, showing the triglyphs at the angles, and the architrave overhanging the upper diameter of the column.

ORDERS, PLATE II. represents the five antient orders of Roman architecture; elucidating, at one view, their general proportions, with their names, and graduated according to their rank, as they should be carried into effect, that is, in proportion to their bulk, and in reference also to the preceding theory and subsequent principles on practice.

ORDERS, PLATE III.—This plate represents the three Grecian orders, known by the names of Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian, which are introduced for the purpose of elucidating the difference in the style of the Roman and Grecian architects, in the carrying these orders into effect.

We now proceed to the PRACTICE of the FIVE ORDERS, commencing with the Tuscan.

PRACTICE OF THE TUSCAN ORDER.

AMONG the remains of antiquity, there are not any of a regular *Tuscan Order*, but a most admirable specimen of a Tuscan column exists in the Trajan pillar, at Rome. The doctrine of Vitruvius upon the subject of the Tuscan order is extremely obscure, and the profiles of Palladio's disciples are all more or less imperfect.

In the design here introduced, (*Plate IV*,) Vignola has been imitated. Even Inigo Jones, who was so close an adherer to Palladio, has employed Vignola's profile in York-Stairs, London, and in other designs of public and private edifices. But, as the cornice adopted by Inigo Jones appears to have been, in the opinion of the best writers, inferior to the rest of his Tuscan compositions, it has been rejected, and the profile of Scamozzi introduced, with such alterations as have been considered necessary to render it perfect, and conformable to the doctrine of Vitruvius, as well as to the general practice of the moderns.

The height given to the column is fourteen modules, or seven diameters; and to that of the entire entablature, three and a half modules; which, being divided into ten equal parts, three of them are given to the height of the architrave, three to the frieze, and the remaining four to the cornice.

The capital is in height one module; the base, including the lower cincture of the shaft, is also one module; and the shaft, with its upper cincture, twelve modules.

These are the general measures of the Tuscan order, and may be easily remembered.

With regard to the particular dimensions of the minuter parts, they may be collected from the engraving, *Orders, Plate IV*, whereon the heights and projec-

tions of each member are minutely figured, the latter of these being counted from perpendiculars raised at the extremities of the inferior and superior diameters of the shaft: a method which has been deemed universally preferable to that of Desgotez, and others, who count from the centre of the column, because the relations between the heights and projections of the parts are more readily discoverable; and, wherever a cornice or entablature is to be executed without a column, which very frequently happens, it does not require any additional time or labour, as the trouble of deducting, from each dimension, the semi-diameter of the column, is saved.

Scamozzi, that his bases might be of the same height in all the orders, has given to the Tuscan, exclusive of the cincture, half a diameter: but, in the example here introduced from Chambers, Vignola and Palladio have been imitated. The latter, in this order, have deviated from the general rule; for, as the Tuscan base is composed of two members only, instead of six, which constitute the other bases, it becomes much too clumsy when the same general proportion is scrupulously followed.

The Tuscan order will not admit of ornaments of any kind; on the contrary, it is sometimes customary to represent, in the shaft of its column, rustic cinctures, as at the Luxembourg, in Paris; at York-Stairs and Somerset-House, in London; and in many other buildings of considerable note. This practice, though frequent, and to be found in many of the works of distinguished architects, is not always excusable, and should be indulged with great caution, as it helps to hide the robust characteristic and truly rustic but manly figure of the column, it alters the proportions, and at once affects the simplicity of the entire composition. Few examples are to be found of these bandages in the remains of antiquity; and, in general, it will be advisable to avoid them in all large designs, reserving the rustic work for the intercolumniations, where it may be employed with great propriety so as to produce a contrast, which will help to render the aspect of the entire composition perfect, distinct, and striking.

But, in smaller works, where the parts are few, and easily comprehended, rustic cinctures may be sometimes introduced and sanctioned, and oftentimes recommended; as they serve to diversify the forms, produce strong and impressive contrasts, and contribute most essentially to the masculine, bold, and imposing, effect of the composition.

The most eminent of the antient, as well as modern, architects have recommended the Tuscan order to be introduced in the exterior gateways to citadels, arsenals, and prisons, of which the entrances should be terrific; and the order is also fit for designs of gates to gardens or parks, and for grottos, fountains, and baths, where elegance of form and delicacy of workmanship would be inconsistent and out of character. Delorme, the French architect, was extremely fond of cinctures, which are square blocks, introduced at intervals in the heights of the shafts of columns, and he employed them in several parts of the Thuilleries, covered with arms, cyphers, and other enrichments: but this seems very absurd, for they never can be considered in any other light than as parts, which, to avoid expense and trouble, were left unfinished. In different parts of the Louvre, wormy or vermiculated rustics are to be found, of which the tracts represent flowers de luce, and other regular figures and devices; this is a practice far more unnatural than the preceding, though Monsieur Davilier states that it may be done with great propriety, and signify a relation to the owner of the structure; that is, says he, the figures should represent the arms, the crest, motto, cypher, and all the rest: as if worms were draughtsmen, and understood whatever appertained to heraldry.*

The most beautiful specimen of the Tuscan order, in London, is the portico of St. Paul's Church, Covent-Garden; the effect of which is truly sublime: it was designed by, and executed under the inspection of, Inigo Jones,† who frankly told the

* Davilier was born in 1653; died in 1700. He was a native of Paris, was elected by the French Academy one of their travelling students at an early age, and took his departure from Marseilles with Desgotez and the celebrated Vaillant. The ship in which they sailed was captured by the Corsairs, and carried into Algiers. His captivity lasted seventeen months, during which time he designed and executed a mosque, at Tunis, for the barbarians. Besides the work above-mentioned, he translated Scamozzi.

† This justly celebrated English architect was the son of Ignatius Jones, a cloth-worker, and was born in the vicinity of Saint Paul's, about 1572. He is said to have been apprenticed to a carpenter and joiner, but that he remained long in such fetters is not probable, from the circumstance of his early skill in landscape painting, of which a specimen is, we believe, still to be seen in Chiswick-House. Under the patronage either of the Earl of Arundel or the Earl of Pembroke he visited Italy, and spent much of his time in Venice. From Venice he passed into Denmark, on the invitation of Christian IV. In 1606 he returned to his native country, in the suite of the King of Denmark, whose sister James the First had married. Mr. Seward observes, that the first of his works in England was the interior of the church of Saint Catherine Cree, in Leadenhall Street. Soon after his arrival he was appointed architect to the queen, and was also in the service of Prince Henry: to these he gave so much satisfaction, that the king granted him the reversion of surveyor-general. On the death of Prince Henry, in 1612, Jones visited Italy a second time, where he remained until the office just mentioned fell to him. His liberality and disinterestedness on this occasion

parishioners, previous to the commencement of the undertaking, that their funds were not equal to the expenses of building a magnificent parish church, but that he would design and execute, for the same purpose, the handsomest *barn* in his Majesty's dominions, which was presently verified; and perhaps, in the metropolis, we have not a more harmoniously proportioned room, nor one better calculated for divine service: that is, with regard to hearing and seeing the officiating minister; and with respect to the exterior effect, it cannot be equalled for its simplicity and grandeur.

The various designs for gates, doors, and windows, which have been published by the most distinguished architects, afford numerous figures of rustic columns, and other sorts of rustic work; most of which have been collected from buildings of considerable note in different parts of Europe; but for the manner of executing them, as it cannot well be described, the student is referred to various parts of the new buildings at Somerset-House, in the Strand, to the Horse-Guards, the Treasury, the Doric entrance of the King's-Mews, Charing-Cross, the gate of Burlington-House in Piccadilly, the fronts of Newgate and Giltspur-Street Prisons, the Excise-Office in Broad-Street, and to numerous other buildings in and near the metropolis.

Sir William Chambers says, that De Cambrai, in the introduction to his "*Parallels of Antient and Modern Architecture*," treats the Tuscan order with deserve to be recorded. Finding the office greatly in debt, he not only served without pay till the embarrassments were removed, but prevailed upon his fellow-officers to do the like, by which expedient the debt was soon cleared. He wrote, by the desire of the king, an account of Stonehenge, in 1620, in which year he was appointed one of the commissioners for repairing *old* St. Paul's Cathedral, in London. On the death of James, he was continued in his situation by Charles I, for whom he executed the banqueting-house, barely the fiftieth part of the then proposed palace at Whitehall, the designs for which had been made in the previous reign. In June 1633, the order was issued for the reparation of St. Paul's; on which Jones was immediately afterwards employed. During the reign of Charles I, he gave many proofs of his genius and fancy, in the machinery and designs for scenic representations, &c. He died in 1652, and was interred in the chancel of St. Bennet's, Pauls' Wharf, London. His works are too well known to require an enumeration. It is here sufficient to say that he was the FATHER OF PURE ARCHITECTURE IN GREAT BRITAIN. Representations of many of his buildings may be seen in Campbell's '*Vitruvius Britannicus*.' His principal designs were published by Kent, folio, 1727; some of his lesser designs, folio, 1744; and others were also published by Mr. Ware. The Water-front of Old Somerset-House has lately been copied in the erection of a very conspicuous Fire-Office, near the Quadrant, in the new street of the metropolis; the adoption of which is a strong proof of the architect's good sense and discrimination. Inigo Jones left a copy of Palladio, the Venice edition of 1601, with notes on the margin, in his own hand-writing: he seems to have carried this copy about with him on his travels, from the notes being dated. This book, says Mr. Gwilt, which has been badly preserved, is in the library of Worcester College, Oxford, where it may still be seen.

great contempt, and banishes it to the country, as unfit and unworthy to have a place, either in temples or palaces; but, in the second part of the same work, he is more kind and indulgent; for, though he rejects the entablature, the column is taken into favour, "and compared to a queen seated on a throne, surrounded with all the treasures of fame, and distributing honours to her minions, while other columns seem only to be servants and slaves of the buildings they support."

The residue of the passage is too long to be inserted, but it is calculated to degrade, and totally to exclude, the Tuscan order: yet, by a different mode of employing and dressing the *column*, to exalt its consequence, and increase its majesty and beauty, so as to stand an advantageous comparison with any of the rest: he, therefore, wishes, in imitation of antient architects, to consecrate the Tuscan column to the commemoration of great men and their glorious actions; noticing, as we have done, the Trajan column, one of the proudest monuments of Roman splendour, and consisting of the base, shaft, and capital, of the Tuscan order. This column was erected by the senate and people of Rome, in acknowledgement of the services of Trajan, and has contributed more to immortalize that emperor than the united efforts of historians.

De Cambrai also notices the Antonine column, erected at Rome, on a similar occasion, in honour of *Antonius Pius*; and another, of the same sort, at Constantinople, raised to the emperor Theodosius, after his victory over the Scythians: both which prove, by their resemblance to the Trajan column, that this sort of appropriation, recommended by him, had passed into a rule among the antient masters of the art.

We shall not here dispute the accuracy, justness, or fitness, of De Cambrai's observations; but may venture to affirm that, not only the Tuscan *column*, but the *entire of the order*, as represented in this work, after Sir William Chambers, (which, in fact, is the production of Vignola and Scamozzi,) may be praised and extolled as extremely beautiful; and, in numerous instances, may be usefully applied: besides, as an order, it is a necessary gradation in the art; and, although not recognized by the Grecian architects, for its purposes it is not inferior to any of the antient orders: for it conveys, not only ideas of strength and rustic simplicity, but is very proper for rural purposes, and may, with great propriety, be employed in farm-houses, in barns, and sheds for implements of husbandry, in stables, coach-houses, dog-kennels, in green-houses, grottos, and fountains; in

gates of parks and gardens, and, generally, whenever magnificence is not required and expense is to be avoided. Serlio recommends the use of it in prisons, arsenals, public granaries, treasuries, sea-ports, and gates of fortified places; and Le Clerc observes that, although the Tuscan order is treated by Vitruvius, by Palladio, and by many others, with great contempt, as unworthy of being identified; yet, according to the composition of Vignola, there is a beauty in its simplicity which recommends it to notice, and entitles it to a place both in private and public buildings, as in porticos and colonnades surrounding squares or markets, in granaries and storehouses; even in royal palaces, if suitably introduced, to adorn the inferior apartments, offices, stables, and other places, where strength and simplicity are required, and where richer or more delicate orders would be extremely improper.

In accordance with the theory and practice which have been explained, seven diameters, or fourteen modules, have been appropriated to the height of the Tuscan column; a proportion extremely proper for rural and military works, where the appearance of extraordinary solidity is required: but, in town-houses and other buildings, intended for civil purposes, or in reference to interior decorations, the heights of the columns may be fourteen and a half, or even fifteen, modules, as Scamozzi has made them; which increase may be entirely in the shaft, without altering any of the measures, either of the base or capital. Nor will it be requisite to alter the entablature; for, as it is composed of few parts, it will be sufficiently bold, although its height be somewhat less than one-quarter of the height of the column.

REFERENCES TO THE PLATE ON THE PRACTICE OF THE TUSCAN ORDER.

ORDERS, PLATE IV.—*Fig. 1* represents the entablature and capital, on a large scale, wherein the heights and projections of the several members are proportioned, as described in the theoretical and practical references.

Fig. 2 shews the base, one half of the size of the column annexed.

Fig. 3 describes the proper impost and archivolt to this order, under the idea of their being employed in arcades or gateways, which is very frequently the case.

PRACTICE OF THE DORIC ORDER.

THE MONUMENT ON Fish-Street Hill, erected to commemorate one of the most dire calamities that ever befel the inhabitants of this great city, is considered the proudest example of a Roman Doric column in the British dominions. It was designed and constructed by Sir Christopher Wren. The lower diameter of the column is fifteen feet, and the altitude of the shaft is in proportion: this, with the historical pedestal, and the attic at the top, emblematical of the great fire, is upwards of 200 feet in height.

In order to contemplate the beautiful and philosophical proportions of the Roman Doric *column*, as connected with its *entablature*, which is a component part of the order, it will be requisite that the student should turn his attention and thoughts to those examples which have been designed and executed under the greatest masters, both ancient and modern.

It has been the practice, of late years, to introduce, as a substitute for the Roman Doric and Tuscan pillars, the Grecian Doric column; especially in monuments intended to commemorate the achievements of valorous men; but among those which have been carried into effect, during our time, in various parts of the kingdom, it is but honest to remark, that they are as inferior, in point of effect, to the Doric Monument in London, as the minor churches of the metropolis are to the sublime cathedral dedicated to Saint Paul.

The Grecian Doric column, elevated upon a pedestal, is entirely at variance with the practice of the Grecian architects; who, in all the Temples of antiquity, have placed their columns upon a series of lofty gradated risers, proportioned or suited to the circumstances of the case: and, where this practice has not been adopted, the Grecian Doric column, which is peculiar for its beauty, and singular in its effect, has been sacrificed for the want of judgement.

The height of the Roman Doric column, including its capital and base, is sixteen modules; and the height of the entablature four modules: the latter, being divided into eight parts, two of these parts are allowed to the architrave, three to the frieze, and the remaining three to the cornice.

In most of the antiques, the Doric column is found to have been executed without a base; this is particularly observable in examining the remains of Grecian examples. Vitruvius, likewise, makes it without one; the base, according to that author, having been first employed in the Ionic order, to imitate the sandal or covering of a woman's foot. Scamozzi blames this practice, and most of the moderns have been of his opinion; the greatest part of them having employed the attic base in this order. Monsieur De Cambrai, however, whose blind attachment to the antique is, on many occasions, sufficiently evident, argues strongly against this practice, under the idea that the order is formed upon the model of a strong man, who is constantly represented barefooted; and, according to the notions of this author, the practice of introducing a base to the Doric column is very improper; and "though," says he, "the custom of employing a base, in contempt of all antient authority, has by unaccountable and false notions of beauty prevailed," yet we are of opinion, with Chambers, that the intelligent eye, when apprized of the error, will be easily undeceived; and as what is merely plausible will, when examined, appear to be false, so will apparent beauties, when not founded in reason, be deemed extravagant.

Le Clerc says that, in the most antient monuments of this order, the columns are without bases, for which it is difficult to assign any satisfactory reason: but De Cambrai, in his parallel, is of the same opinion with Vitruvius, and insists that the Doric column, being composed upon the model of a naked, strong, and muscular, man, resembling Hercules, should not have any base; thus affecting that the base to a column is the same as a shoe to a man. This doctrine may have prevailed in former times; but, at the present, it is too inconsistent and childish to be adopted: for we cannot consider a column destitute of a base, in comparing it to a man, without being, at the same time, struck with the idea of a person without feet, rather than without shoes: hence we are inclinable to believe, either that the architects of antiquity had not yet thought of employing bases to their columns, or that they omitted them in order to leave the pavement clear; the angles and projections of bases being stumbling blocks to passengers, and so much the more troublesome, as the architects of those times frequently placed their columns very near each other; so that, had they been made with bases, the passages between them would have been extremely narrow and inconvenient. There can be no doubt that it was from this reason that Vitruvius made the plinth of his Tuscan

column round: the latter order being, according to his precepts, especially adapted to servile and commercial purposes, where convenience should always give way to beauty. But, whatever may be the opinion of the vulgar, it is presumed that men of good taste will allow that, in most cases, a well-proportioned graceful base is very handsome; and not only so, but also of real utility, serving to keep the column firm in its place; and that, if columns without bases are entirely set aside, it will be a mark of wisdom in architects rather than an indication of their being swayed by prejudice, as some blind adorers of the antients would insinuate.

The latter are the sentiments of Sir William Chambers, who had a rooted aversion to every thing which was Grecian: nevertheless, it must be granted that he was, take him "all in all," a man of considerable judgement, and reasoned well upon his art. In imitation of Palladio, and all the modern architects, except Vignola, he has made use of the attic base in this order; which base certainly is the most beautiful of any. Yet, for the sake of variety, when the Doric and Ionic orders are employed together, the base invented by Vignola should be adopted, as shewn in the Doric Order, *Plate II*. This base Bernini has employed in the colonnade of Saint Peter's, at Rome; and it has also been very successfully applied in many other buildings.

Vitruvius gives to the height of the Doric capital one module; and all the moderns, except Alberti, have followed his example. Nevertheless, as the capital is of the same kind with the Tuscan, they should be nearly of the same proportion, in reference to the heights of their respective columns; and, under these circumstances, the Doric capital should be more than one module; which, indeed, it is, both at the Coliseum and the Theatre of Marcellus, at Rome; being in the first of these buildings upwards of thirty-eight minutes, and in the latter thirty-three minutes, high.

In the design, *Orders, Plate V*, the example adverted to after Sir William Chambers, the height of the entire capital is thirty-two minutes; and, in the form and dimensions of the several members, it seems that he deviated but little from the Theatre of Marcellus, at Rome. The frieze or neck of the capital is enriched with husks and roses, as in Palladio's design, and as it has been executed by Sangallo at the Farnese Palace.* The projections of the husks and flowers should not exceed the upper cincture of the column.

* Sangallo was one of the architects employed in building St. Peter's, at Rome.

The architrave is only one module in height, and is composed of one fascia and a fillet, as at the Theatre of Marcellus. The drops in this, the Roman Doric, are conical, as they are in most of the Roman buildings; and not pyramidal, as they are generally executed by our English artisans. They are presumed, says Chambers, to represent drops of water that have trickled from the triglyphs; and, consequently, they should be cones, or parts of cones, and not pyramids; but the Grecian architects, who were better versed in the minutiae and details of architecture, thought very differently, and made these drops portions of cylinders, the plan being rather more than a semi-circle, and those in the soffits of the mutules perfectly round; and, instead of being inserted in the solid of the mutules, they are described, in the Grecian Doric, as so many pendants; which, in execution and in effect, is infinitely superior to the cold Roman style of finishing the same parts.

The Doric frieze and cornice by Sir William Chambers, as given in this work, are, each of them, one module and a half in height, the metope is square, and enriched with a bull's skull, decorated with garlands of beads, in imitation of those in the Temple of Jupiter Tonans.

In some antient fragments, and in a large portion of our modern edifices, the metopes between the triglyphs are alternately ornamented with ox-skulls and with pateras; but they may, with great propriety, be filled with any other ornaments of suitable forms, and frequently with such as are appropriate to the buildings they decorate. For example: in military structures, the head of Medusa, or the Furies, thunderbolts, and other symbols of horror, may be correctly introduced: also helmets, daggers, garlands of laurel or oak, and crowns of various sorts, such as those used among the Romans, and presented as rewards for various military achievements: but spears, swords, quivers, bows, cuirasses, shields, and the like, should be avoided; because the actual dimensions of these instruments are too great to find admittance in such limited spaces as the compartments adverted to, and as diminutive representations always convey ideas of triviality, they should consequently, be wholly avoided. In our churches, dedicated to the saints, and set apart for Christian worship, cherubs, chalices, and garlands of palm or olive, may be introduced; likewise doves, and other symbols of moral virtues. In private houses, crests or marks of dignity conferred, may, on some occasions, be permitted; but seldom, and indeed never, where they are of such stiff insipid

forms as stars and garters, modern crowns, coronets, mitres, and similar graceless objects, the tasteless effects of which may be seen at the Treasury, in St. James's Park, and on various other buildings in the metropolis.

Among all the entablatures of the Five Orders, the Doric is the most difficult to distribute: that is, on account of the intervals between the centres of the triglyphs, which will not admit of being increased or decreased, without materially injuring the symmetry and characteristic beauty of the composition: and hence it is that the composer must be fettered by intercolumniations, devisable by two modules and a half, or of 250 minutes from centre to centre, which entirely excludes coupled columns, and produces spaces which, in general, are either too wide or too narrow for the purpose; and, to remove these difficulties, the triglyphs have been often omitted and the entablature made plain, as at the Coliseum in Rome, at the Custom-House in Dublin, and in many other magnificent buildings, not only in this country, but abroad. It is an easy expedient; but, at the same time, it deprives the order of its principal and primitive characteristic, and leaves it very poor and so much impoverished, as to be very little, if at all, superior to the Tuscan order; the remedy therefore seems desperate, and ought never to be adopted but in extreme cases, as the very last resource.

Chambers says that the ancients employed the Doric order in temples dedicated to Minerva, to Mars, and to Hercules, whose grave and manly dispositions suited well with the character of the order: and Serlio says, it is proper for churches dedicated to Christ, to Saint Paul, Saint Peter, or any other saints, remarkable for their fortitude, in exposing their lives and suffering for the Christian faith: and Le Clerc recommends the adoption of it, in all sorts of military buildings, in the entrances to cities, arsenals, gates of fortified places, guard-rooms, and in all manner of similar edifices. It may also be employed in private houses; and, in particular, in the dwelling-houses of generals or other martial men: it may likewise be introduced in mausoleums erected to their memory, or in triumphal bridges and arches built to celebrate their victories.

The height of the Roman Doric column herein referred to is sixteen modules; which in buildings where majesty and grandeur is required, is a suitable proportion; but in an infinity of other instances it may be made more delicate. Vitruvius makes the Doric column in porticos loftier by half a diameter than in temples, and many of the modern architects have followed his example. In private

houses, therefore, it may be $16\frac{1}{3}$, $16\frac{1}{2}$, or $16\frac{2}{3}$, modules high: and for interior decorations even 17 modules, and sometimes perhaps a little more, which increase in the height may be carried entirely to the shaft, as described in the Tuscan order, without altering, in the smallest degree, either the base or the capital. The entablature may also remain unaltered in all its parts, for what is good in the one case applies to the other.

The ROMAN DORIC ORDER stands second in the list of the Five Orders; but the Grecian Doric, from which the former emanates, stands first among the three Greek orders, and is the most antient of those so called in architecture, being evidently derived from the Egyptians, of which little doubt can be entertained by those who have examined that great national work at the British Museum, which was published under the auspices of Buonaparte, at the time he was identified as NAPOLEON LE GRANDE. The Temple of Minerva, at Athens, commonly called the *Parthenon*, is considered, by the most learned architects and philosophers, as the boldest specimen of Grecian architecture that ever was constructed; the style of this structure is now generally known to be what is termed the *Grecian Doric*: but, besides this magnificent temple, the beauties of which have been explored by Stuart and others, there are several temples and buildings of great interest, well worthy the consideration of the architectural student, connoisseur, and draughtsman; particularly the Ionic Temples of Erectheus, Minerva Polias, the small Temple on the river Ilissus, the Temple of the Winds, the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, commonly called the Lantern of Demosthenes, as well as the Choragic Monuments of Trysallus and others; among some of the last mentioned may be collected almost every thing which is great and good in Grecian architecture.

The numerous examples of Roman and Grecian ornaments, mouldings, bases, capitals, and cornices, given in this work, have been selected as specimens of the pure style; and are, therefore, recommended, with some degree of confidence, to the attentive consideration of our readers.

The manner of reducing the GRECIAN DORIC ORDER to practice, is defined in the representation of the plates; which, we hope, will facilitate the labours of those who are anxious to acquire so much practical information as will enable them to reduce the order to such proportions, as, under all circumstances, will be pleasing and agreeable.

REFERENCES TO THE SEVERAL PLATES EXPLANATORY OF THE DORIC ORDER.

ORDERS, PLATE V.—*Fig. 1.* The *entablature* and *capital* of the *Roman Doric Order*, on a large scale, wherein the heights and projections of the respective members are correctly proportioned by a scale of modules and minutes, as explained in the Theory of the Five Orders, and which method equally applies to the lower and upper diameters of all the Orders.

Fig. 2.—Elevation of half of the attic base, the most esteemed among the antient examples.

Fig. 3.—Plan of the soffit; exhibiting the various ornaments appropriate to the mutules and spaces between.

ORDERS, PLATE XI.—*Fig. 1.* *Grecian Doric Entablature*, accompanied with an imitation of one of the capitals of the columns in the Temple of Theseus.

Fig. 2.—Plan of the soffit in the last-mentioned entablature, showing the mutules, with the bells, or circular drops, appertaining thereto.

Fig. 3.—Plan of the angular triglyphs and the forms of the residue.

ORDERS, PLATE XII.—*Fig. 1.* *Grecian Doric Entablature*, showing part of a pediment imitated from the Temple of Minerva, at Athens; with one of the capitals and bases of the columns appertaining to that magnificent temple. A view of the above entablature and capital is also given, under the article of Perspective, in this work, by M. A. Nicholson.

Fig. 2.—Plan of the soffit, in the above entablature, showing the mutules, with the bells or circular drops.

ORDERS, PLATE XIII.—*Fig. 1.* *Grecian Doric Entablature*, showing the application of the antæ at the angles of buildings.

Fig. 2.—The profile of the foregoing entablature and antæ.

ORDERS, PLATE XIV.—*Fig. 1.* *Grecian Entablature*, with antique wreaths; showing, also, the application of the antæ at the angles of buildings, and as executed in the Choragic Monument of Trysallus, at the foot of the Acropolis, or Citadel of Athens.

Fig. 2.—Profiles of the entablature and antæ, both of which are highly esteemed as Grecian examples, for their correct proportions, and decided effects when carried into execution.

PRACTICE OF THE IONIC ORDER.

THIS order is identified as the third in the list of the five antient orders of Roman architecture, and is proportioned by Sir William Chambers, as described in *Orders*, *Plate II*. The Ionic is the second, also, in the list of the three Grecian orders, as described in *Plate III*. It is necessary that the distinction should be made and well known, as there is a difference in the character of the Roman and Grecian Ionic, although both are recognized under the same general name.

The general proportions of the antient Ionic order, as adopted by the Grecian and Roman architects, are nearly alike; but the minutiae and detail are very different; which will be presently discovered, by an attentive examination of the subsequent plates.

Among the antients, says Chambers, who always refers to the Roman architects, the form of the Ionic profile appears to have been more positively determined than that of any other; for, in all the antiques, the Temple of Concord excepted, it is exactly the same, and conformable to the description given by Vitruvius.

In *Plate VI*, of *Orders*, is represented the design of the antique profile, collected by Sir William Chambers, from different antiquities at Rome. The height of the column is eighteen modules, and that of the entablature four and a half, or one quarter of the height of the column, as in the other orders; which is a trifle less than in any of the antient examples. The base is attic, as it is in most of the Roman antiques, and the shaft of the column may be either plain or fluted, with twenty-four or twenty flutings only, as at the Temple of Fortune, the plan of which flutings should be a trifle more than semicircular, as in the Temple of Jupiter Tonans, and at the Forum of Nerva; because, when so executed, then they are more distinctly marked. The fillets, or intervals between the flutes, should not be much broader than one-third of their widths, nor narrower than one quarter.

The ornaments of the capital should correspond with the flutes of the shaft, and there should be an ove, or a dart, according to the strict rules of the Romans, over the middle of each flute: but, in the Roman Ionic volute, described in *Plate IX*, we have made some deviations from the general rule, and have introduced the contour and proportions of a Roman Ionic volute, which is considered as an improvement upon Goldman's and Delorme's method of describing the principal characteristic of this order. It is, therefore, deemed unnecessary to enter into further details upon the various opinions of different authors, on a subject which will be best comprehended and felt by a comparative view of the several diagrams for describing volutes.

The Roman volute is by some architects preferred; which will be apparent to the scientific observer on a cursory view of the magnificent street, now leading from Carlton-Palace up to Portland Place, in London. In the Ionic façade, opposite the same palace, the volutes of the capitals are Grecian, and are proportioned in the manner of those in the small temple on the River Ilissus, and as described in this work. This capital is justly esteemed; nor can it be sufficiently appreciated by those who entertain a true love for architecture. It is, therefore, surprising that the ingenious architects employed in the new street should, in any part of it, have adopted inferior specimens of the Roman Ionic capitals, as in the quadrangle, opposite the *façade* before-mentioned. In passing up the street, however, towards Portland Place, it is observable that, wherever the Ionic order has been subsequently introduced, improvements have taken place in the adoption and style of the Ionic capitals, except in the *finale* to the street, which presents to the eye of the inquisitive spectator a circular Ionic portico, terminated by a fluted conical spire of the same form; the metaphorical intention of which is not clearly understood, unless it is meant to convey, by a well-proportioned geometric figure, a new species of metaphysics, deducible, but which can be comprehended only by those who are deeply versed in mathematics. The effect of this spire is stated to be sublime; but what is not generally comprehended must be injudiciously applied; and, therefore, we lament that a magnificent street, so justly distinguished for its picturesque and architectural beauties, should be terminated by a conical *finial*, in no respect correspondent with the bold and intelligent metaphors usually applied by the Genius of Architecture.

The three parts of the Ionic entablature, as represented in *Plate VI*, of *Orders*, bear the same proportion to each other in this as in the Tuscan order: the frieze is plain, as being the most suitable to the simplicity of the rest of the composition; and the cornice is almost an exact copy from Vignola's design, in which there is a purity of form, a grandeur of style, and close conformity to the most approved specimens of the antients, not to be equalled in any of the profiles of his competitors.

If it be requisite to reduce the Ionic entablature to two-ninths of the height of the column, which on most occasions is preferable to that of one quarter, especially where the eye has been accustomed to contemplate diminutive objects, it may be easily accomplished by making the module of the entablature less, by one-ninth, than the semi-diameter of the column; afterwards dividing it as usual, and strictly observing the same dimensions as are figured in the engraved plate VI. The distribution of the dentil-band will, in such case, answer very nearly in all the regular intercolumniations, and in the extreme angle there will be a dentil, as there is in the best examples of the antique.

In the decorations of the interior of all apartments, where much delicacy is requisite, the height of the entablature may be reduced even to one-fifth of the column, by observing the same method, and making the module only four-fifths of the semi-diameter.

The ANTIQUE IONIC CAPITAL, not only in the Grecian but Roman style, differs from all others; inasmuch as the front and side forms are not similar. This particularity occasions great difficulty, whenever breaks are introduced in the entablature, or where the decorations are continued in flank as well as in front: for, either all the capitals in the returns must have the baluster side outward, or the angular capital will have a different appearance from the rest, neither of which is admissible where good taste prevails.

The architect of the Temple of Fortune, at Rome, as likewise the scientific artist who designed the small temple on the River Ilissus, have each fallen upon expedients which, in some degree, remedy the defect above-mentioned. In each of those buildings, as well as others, the corner capitals have their angular volutes in *oblique* positions, inclining equally to the front and side, and presenting volutes both ways: and, says Chambers, where persons are violently attached to the antique, or furiously bent on rejecting all modern inventions, however beautiful, this

is the only way to gratify them; but, when such is not the case, the angular capital invented by Scamozzi, and lately imitated in the circular portico of Langham Chapel, may be introduced; for it must be allowed that the distorted figure of the antique capital, as represented in *Plate XXI*, of the *Orders*, with one straight volute and the other twisted, is very objectionable, and far from being pleasing to the eye; yet we are of opinion that the Grecian antique volutes, as carved at the East-India House, in Leadenhall-Street, at the Saint Pancras new church, at the College of Surgeons, in Lincoln's-Inn Fields, and in various other public buildings, are worthy of imitation; and therefore we cannot better discharge our duty than by recommending the student first to draw all the specimens given in this work, and as he proceeds, if opportunities permit, to examine the buildings above-mentioned, or such as are of a similar description.

As the Doric order, says Chambers, is particularly affected in churches and temples dedicated to *male saints*, so the Ionic is chiefly used in such as are consecrated to females of the matronal state. It may, likewise, be employed in Courts of Justice, as well as the Roman or Grecian Doric; it may also be introduced in libraries, colleges, seminaries, and other structures having relation to arts or letters, and also in private houses, and in palaces to adorn the ladies' apartments: and, says Le Clerc, in all places dedicated to peace and tranquillity. The antients employed it in temples sacred to Luna, to Bacchus, to Diana, or other deities, whose dispositions hold a medium between the severe and the effeminate.

The Grecian Ionic specimens of capitals, cornices, friezes, and architraves, are, generally speaking, better profiled than those of the Romans: the judicious composer should, therefore, contemplate the several parts appertaining to each style; but, by alternately rejecting and adopting, he will, by degrees, improve his taste: but, as regards the bases of the Grecian Ionic order, usually employed in the antique, we cannot recommend them, although most slavishly adopted by many of our modern practitioners. The attic base of the Romans is the best, simplest, and most natural; and, wherever applied, is sure to give satisfaction: it is, therefore, recommended to the serious consideration of the student.

REFERENCES TO THE PLATES APPERTAINING TO THE IONIC ORDER, WHICH INCLUDE
THE ROMAN AND GRECIAN EXAMPLES.

ORDERS, PLATE VI.—*Fig. 1* represents the entablature and capital of the Roman Ionic order, on a large scale, proportioned by modules and minutes.

Fig. 2 represents the attic base to the same scale.

Fig. 3.—Plan of one quarter of the capital.

Fig. 4.—Section of the capital.

Fig. 5.—Half the elevation of the barrel.

ORDERS, PLATE IX.—The contour and proportion of a Roman Ionic Volute, with the appendages; from a description by Mr. R. Elsam, architect, on a large scale.

ORDERS, PLATE XV.—*Fig. 1*. The entablature and capital of the Grecian Ionic Order, in imitation of the Ionic portico to the small temple on the River Ilissus.*

Fig. 2.—Half the base.

Fig. 3.—Half the section of the capital.

Fig. 4.—Altitudinal scale of the base.

ORDERS, PLATE XVI.—Grecian Ionic capital at large, in imitation of the last example, by Mr. R. Elsam.

ORDERS, PLATE XVII.—Grecian Ionic capital at large, in imitation of the example in the Minerva Polias, at Preene, by Mr. R. Elsam.

ORDERS, PLATE XVIII.—*Fig. 1*. Plan of the Ionic capital from the Temple of Erectheus, at Athens.

Fig. 2.—Elevation of the last-mentioned capital.

Fig. 3.—Plan of the Ionic capital, from the Temple of Minerva Polias, at Athens.

Fig. 4.—Elevation of the last-mentioned capital.

Fig. 5.—Diagram, on a large scale, shewing the minutiae of finding the different centres for striking the two last described volutes; which, by an attentive examination, will teach the inquisitive student every thing which is requisite on the subject.

* An interesting view of this capital is given hereafter, under the article of "PERSPECTIVE," from a drawing by Mr. Michael Angelo Nicholson.

ORDERS, PLATE XIX.—*Fig. 1.* Flank elevation of half the Ionic capital, as executed in the Temple of Minerva Polias, at Athens.

Fig. 2.—Section of the same, showing the barrel of the volute.

Fig. 3.—Transverse section of the same capital.

Fig. 4.—Transverse section of the Ionic capital, in the Temple of Erectheus, at Athens.

Fig. 5.—Flank elevation of the same capital.

Fig. 6.—Section of the same, showing the barrel of the volute.

ORDERS, PLATE XX.—*Fig. 1.* Grecian Ionic entablature, appertaining to the Temple of Minerva Polias, at Athens.

Fig. 2.—Base of the columns to the above order.

Fig. 3.—Half the base of the antæ to the same example.

Fig. 4.—Half the capital of the antæ to the same.

ORDERS, PLATE XXI.—*Fig. 1.* Plan of an angular Grecian Ionic capital, in imitation of those employed in the small temple on the River Ilissus.

Fig. 2.—Flank elevation of the capital.

Fig. 3.—Section of the capital.

Fig. 4.—Section, showing the barrel of the capital.

ORDERS, PLATE XXII.—*Fig. 1.* An antique Grecian Ionic base.

Fig. 2.—An antique Grecian Ionic capital.

Fig. 3.—An antique Grecian Ionic base.

Fig. 4.—An antique Grecian Ionic capital.

PRACTICE OF THE COMPOSITE ORDER.

CORRECTLY speaking, the Grecians and Romans had but three recognized orders; the Composite and Tuscan not having been acknowledged by the ancients: the moderns, however, have ranked the two latter with the three original orders, which are the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. It is the practice with most authors to give to the Composite the fifth or last place; as being the last invented; and also from being a compound of all the rest, which, of course, ought to be pre-

ceded by those which are the simplest. But Chambers has followed Scamozzi's arrangement; it being the most natural for the orders to succeed each other according to their degrees of strength, and in the progression that ought to be observed, when they are employed together.

Palladio, Scamozzi, Vignola, De Cambrai, Serlio, and Delorme, together with other modern architects, have each followed the bias of their own inclinations in designing the Composite order: fac-similes, or counter-likenesses, are, therefore, seldom to be met with; it is, however, manifest, from an examination of the best works, that the order now under consideration is compounded, chiefly, of the component parts of the Ionic and Corinthian, without possessing the native simplicity and elegance appertaining to the two latter classical orders. The Composite is, nevertheless, an order of considerable merit, which, on many occasions, will claim a decided preference, and cannot fail to be duly appreciated when judiciously introduced.

The modern architects, says Chambers, have varied more in this than in any of the orders; and De Cambrai observes, that, abandoned by their guide, Vitruvius, and left entirely at large, they have all taken different paths, each following the bent of his own particular fancy; and among them, Serlio has been the least successful; having chosen for the model of his entablature that of the fourth order of the Coliseum: a composition too clumsy even for a Tuscan order. Delorme, however, has followed his example, and has mistaken the fourth order of the Coliseum, which is Corinthian, for the Composite; and Palladio, in his profile, has imitated the frontispiece of Nero, and corrected its defects with much judgement. His architrave is also copied from the same building: but he has omitted the beautiful frieze, and has submitted in its place a swelled one, similar to the Basilica of Antonius. His entablature is too low, being only one-fifth of the column; and it is also singular that, although he has made the column more slender than in the Corinthian order, yet his entablature is far more heavy; it being composed of fewer and larger parts. His capital and base are imitations from the arch of Titus, the latter of which is designed without a plinth, as it is executed in the Temple of Tivoli, and joined to the cornice of the pedestal, as may be observed by reference to *Orders, Plate X*, on which is also represented the capital adverted to, and which has been lately adopted in the hexastyle portico, by Mr. George Smith, in the front of Saint Paul's New School, opposite

the east end of the Cathedral; it has been adopted, likewise, at the Bank of England, by Mr. Soane. The capital here noticed is described as Corinthian, but with more correctness, perhaps, it might be termed a Composite capital; from its being a medium between the Corinthian and Composite referred to in Chambers' orders, which have been followed in this work, that is, as regards the Roman principles or style of architecture.

Vignola's composition of this order has nothing remarkable about it. The architrave varies but in a very small degree from the frontispiece of Nero, and the cornice is nearly the same as the Ionic composed by him; the chief difference consisting in the transposing of mouldings and the enlargements of dentils, each of which appear to be alterations much for the worse.

And Scamozzi's entablature is like Palladio's; that is, only one-fifth of the height of the column; and, being much divided, produces a very trifling appearance. The cornice, however, is well composed; and is also, in a great degree, imitated from the third order of the Coliseum. The capital is similar to Palladio's and the base is attic, enriched with astragals in accordance with the Basilica of Antonius.

The engraved design here referred to, in imitation of Chambers' Composite order, is the invention of that learned architect, who states that he has attempted to avoid the faults, and to unite the perfections, of those before-mentioned; but how far he has succeeded is left to those who have judgement to discriminate. Under any circumstances, however, the student may refer to Palladio, Scamozzi, or Vignola, which has been the practice heretofore.

The height of the column is twenty modules; the entablature five; the base is attic, and its measures are precisely the same as in the Doric and Ionic orders; but, as the module is less, all the parts are of course proportionately delicate. The shaft is enriched with flutings, which may be either to the number of twenty or of twenty-four, similar to the Ionic order; for we cannot see any reason why, in the different orders, their number should be either augmented or diminished. The module being less, the flutes will likewise be less, and correspond exactly with the character of the rest of the composition.

The general effect of the capital is very nearly of the same description as those of the moderns; being enriched with leaves, in imitation of the acanthus, as most of the antique capitals of the Composite order are. But, as regards the method

of tracing the minutiae of these capitals, few instructions, it is presumed, will be deemed sufficient; the design having been correctly drawn and figured by a very accurate draftsman.

The curves of the abacus are described from the summits of equilateral triangles; the projections of the volutes are determined by lines drawn from the extremities of the astragals to the extremities of the horns of the abacus; and, the projections of the leaves are determined by other lines drawn parallel to those from the fillet under the astragal.

The style and manner, says Chambers, of executing these and other enriched capitals in the metropolis, is, generally speaking, bad; but it is evident that he did not mean, in the aggregate, to accuse our workmen of want of talent or capacity; many of them, says he, cannot be excelled in neatness of execution; and, perhaps, in point of workmanship, they do, for the most part, eclipse those of any other country: but it frequently happens, from the want of liberality in their employers, and, in some degree, perhaps, from want of thorough skill and facility in designing, that their performances are very insipid, tame, and without effect, and by no means expressive of the taste or intelligence intended to be conveyed in the designs which have been ordered to be carried into execution.

It is, also, to be regretted, that the greatest architects have too much neglected the detail; having directed their attention chiefly to the general disposition of their compositions. This neglect, though authorized by some great men, ought not, by any means, to be imitated. It is not only the province, but the duty, of the architect strictly to attend to the minutest parts, as well as to the most considerable. Where the entire execution of a fabric is left to his direction, the faults that are committed will, of course, be carried to his account; and, therefore, it behoves him to be choice and extremely select in employing the ablest workmen, and to furnish them with all manner of proper models and precise instructions; in which he will at once announce the extent of his capacity, and distinguish himself from the common herd of those who, without the requisite qualifications, arrogate the title of architects. The most masterly disposition, says Chambers, incorrectly executed, can be considered only as a sketch in painting, or as an excellent piece of music, miserably murdered by village fiddlers, equally destitute of taste and powers of execution.

The Ionic, Composite, and Corinthian, capitals, to be seen in various parts of

the new buildings at Somerset-House, London, were copied by the author last mentioned, from models executed under his directions at Rome, and imitated, both in point of form and manner of workmanship, from the choicest antiques; hence they will serve as guides to those who are anxious to obtain information at the fountain head; and, by a careful examination of them, the student may obtain such information as cannot be conveyed by the most powerful language, or the most intelligent designs.

The entablatures of the Composite order, in *Plates* II. and VII., bear the same proportion to each other as the Ionic and Tuscan orders. The architrave is nearly of the same form with those of Palladio and Vignola. The frieze may be enriched with foliages in imitation of the antique; but the prominent parts should never project more than the uppermost moulding of the architrave under them.

The cornice is imitated from Scamozzi, and differs from the Corinthian only in the modillions, which are square, and composed of two fascias. The soffit of the intervals between the dentils should be hollowed out upwards, behind the little fillet in front, which is the case in most of the antiques; and the incisions produce dark shades, tending to mark the dentils more distinctly. From the same reasons similar methods should also be observed in the Ionic and Corinthian orders. The roses, in the soffit of the corona, should not project beyond the horizontal surface; and care should be taken not to vary them so much as at St. Peter's, of the Vatican, and some modern buildings, because the unity suffers thereby: the modillions or dentils might, with almost as much propriety, be varied. It will, therefore, be proper, in small compositions, to make them all alike, as they are in most of the antiques; to the end that they may not arrest or occupy too much the attention of the spectator, as objects intended for distinct contemplation; but, simply, as parts of the entire. In larger compositions, they may be of two kinds, as in the Long-room of the new Custom-House, in London, designed and carried into effect under the direction of Mr. David Laing, an architect not less eminent for having planned and executed some good and useful structures, than for his excellent treatise on building, contained in his work, entitled "*Plans of Buildings, Public and Private.*"

In the elegant and spacious room just mentioned, the ornaments in the three domical, coved, or vaulted, soffits are of two sorts; but similar in outline and dimensions, which occasions much variety, but without confusion; for the flowers

succeed each other so rapidly, and are, from their similitude, so immediately and well comprehended, that the third impression takes place before the first is in any degree removed; so that the same effect is nearly produced by alternate successions of the same objects.

The Romans introduced the Composite order more frequently in their triumphal arches than in any other buildings; meaning, as Serlio supposes, to express their dominion over other nations, the inventors of the orders of which this is composed. It may, says Le Clerc, with singular propriety be used wherever elegance and magnificence are to be united; but, more especially, in buildings designed to commemorate great and signal events, or to celebrate the combined achievements of conquerors and legislators; and, from these reasons, that the capitals or other ornaments may be composed of emblems and of allegorical representations, in conformity to the customs of the antients; as appears by numerous fragments of capitals and entire members of architecture scattered about in different parts of Rome, and elsewhere.

The entablature of the Composite order, as introduced in this work, may be reduced to two-ninths of the column; which, to avoid fractions, we will call four modules and one half, by making the module only nine-tenths of the semi-diameter; at the same time observing the same measures as are figured in the design, in which case there will be a dentil in the outward angle similar to the Ionic order. It may also, if required, be reduced to one-fifth, by making the module four-fifths of the semi-diameter: but, in cases where it is requisite to diminish so much, it will be preferable to adopt the Ionic cornice; which, being composed of fewer parts, will retain an air of grandeur without affecting the entire mass.

REFERENCES TO THE PLATE ON THE PRACTICE OF THE COMPOSITE ORDER.

ORDERS, PLATE VII.—*Fig. 1.* Entablature and capital of the Composite order, wherein the heights and projections of the several members are proportioned in the manner already described.

Fig. 2.—The attic base applicable to this order, and similar to the Ionic and Doric in proportions.

Fig. 3.—Shows the plan of the soffit in the entablature, with the manner of finishing the modillions.

PRACTICE OF THE CORINTHIAN ORDER.

THIS order, says Chambers, is suitable and proper for buildings where elegance, gaiety, and magnificence, are required. The antients employed it in temples dedicated to Venus, to Flora, Proserpine, and the nymphs of fountains; and because the flowers, foliage, and volutes, with which it is adorned, seemed well adapted to the delicacy and elegance of such deities. Being the most splendid of the Five Orders, it is also extremely proper for the decorations of palaces, public squares, or galleries and arcades surrounding them; for churches dedicated to the Virgin Mary, or to other virgin saints; and, on account of its rich, gay, and graceful, appearance, it may, with singular propriety, be used in theatres, in banqueting-rooms or ball-rooms, and in all places consecrated to festive mirth or convivial recreation.

It is an uncontroverted opinion, that the fragments of the three columns in the Campo Vaccino (the supposed remains of Jupiter Stator) were, when entire, and still are, the most perfect compositions of the Corinthian order among the Roman antiques; and it is also the opinion of the most learned, that the best example of the Corinthian order among the Grecians, is that which is employed in the Choragic monument of Lysicrates, commonly called the Lantern of Demosthenes, and which capital is introduced in this work: but, independent of that relic, various specimens of Grecian Corinthian capitals, as well as columns and bases, may, at proper times, be seen among the Elgin Marbles, at the British Museum, in London, where the industrious, in search of information, will find ample gratification. The study of these choice remains, now the sole property of the nation, will, it is presumed, contribute more to rouse the imagination of architects, sculptors, and painters, than all the books, prints, and drawings, which have been published, printed, and made, for the last hundred years. Let the student, therefore, after having obtained the usual elementary knowledge of architecture, advantageously apply his genius and understanding to the consideration of those rare and invaluable materials, on which are engraven the talent, learning, history, and genius, of the Greeks, in characters which cannot fail deeply to affect and influence his imagination.

The possession of the Elgin collection is a treasure to the lovers of the Fine Arts ; nor can the fragments, so judiciously selected, be sufficiently appreciated : for, during the few years in which they have been exposed to public view, they have produced such interesting and visible changes in architecture, sculpture, and painting, as cannot fail to impress every susceptible mind with a feeling of gratitude, for the liberal sum voted in Parliament to purchase some of the most valuable relics of architecture and sculpture in the civilized world.

Palladio, in his fourth book, where he gives the entire profile at large of the three Corinthian columns in the Campo Vaccino, acknowledges that he never had seen any work better executed, or more delicately finished ; and, furthermore, that the parts were beautifully formed, well-proportioned, and skilfully combined.* Now, upon an impartial view, with reference to the Grecian and Roman Corinthian capitals, no doubt in the world can be entertained that the Roman Corinthian capital is as much superior to the Grecian as the latter Ionic capital is to the Roman. The absurdity, therefore, of prejudiced minds, in favour of every thing which is Grecian, must be manifest : the Romans excelled in some instances, and the Grecians in others ; it is, consequently, the duty of the student to avoid being seduced by, or entirely devoted to, Grecian or to Roman principles : in each style there is much to admire and much to condemn. By judicious selections, the man of correct taste, possessing integrity of mind, may evince his judgement by constructing, altering, and changing, without violating the doctrine of good taste.

Vignola's composition of the Corinthian order is uncommonly beautiful, and, without doubt, superior to that of any other master ; he having artfully collected all the perfections of the best originals, out of which he formed an entire composition far preferable to any of them.

The design for the Corinthian order given in this work, from Chambers, differs very little from that of Vignola. The column is twenty modules high, and the entablature five, which proportions are a medium between those of the Pantheon, at Rome, and the three columns of the Campo Vaccino. The base of the column may be either attic or Corinthian ; each of them are beautiful. Palladio and

* To afford the *amateurs* of architecture a full and comprehensive idea of the beauties of the Antique Roman Corinthian capital, we have given an interesting engraved view of one of the most approved, from an intelligent drawing by Mr. M. A. Nicholson, under the article of "PERSPECTIVE," and to which plate the reader is referred, as well as to *Orders, Plate VIII*, which represents the Corinthian order in detail, as proportioned by Sir William Chambers.

Scamozzi have employed the attic, enriched with astragals; but so frequent a repetition of the same semi-circular forms in junction, produces but an indifferent effect; as may be observed in the bases of the columns at the parish church of Saint Martin in the Fields, and in several buildings of the metropolis, in which the profiles and forms of Palladio, good, bad, and indifferent, have been indiscriminately employed.

If the entablature is enriched, the shaft of the column should be fluted, provided it is not composed of variegated marble, for a diversity of colours renders even smooth surfaces confused, and ornaments of sculpture serve only to make the confusion greater. The flutings may be filled to one-third of the height with cableings, as in the inside of the Pantheon, at Rome, which strengthen the lower part of the column, and renders it less liable to damage. But, when the columns are not within reach, nor subject to be hurt by passengers, the cables are better omitted, as the general hue of the shaft will then be the same throughout, and appear to be of a piece; but, when parts of the flutes are filled, and the other parts left vacant, it is not the case; for the shaft then appears divided, and is liable to produce a great defect.

The capital is enriched with olive leaves, as are most of the antiques, at Rome, of this order; the acanthus being seldom employed but in the Composite order.

With respect to the manner of tracing and working this capital, the design, with what has been said on the same subject in the Composite order, will serve as a sufficient explanation.

The divisions of the entablature bear the same relative proportions to each other as in the Tuscan, Ionic, and Composite, orders. The frieze is sometimes enriched with bas-reliefs, as described in Chambers's *Civil Architecture*; but it is more frequently left quite plain. The parts and ornaments in the cornice are all regularly disposed, and perpendicularly over each other. The coffers of the soffit of the cornice are square, and the borders round them equal on all sides, as they are in the arch of Titus, and as Palladio has made them; a precaution neglected by Vignola, notwithstanding his usual regularity.

The antients, as well as the moderns, have frequently employed the Ionic entablature in the Corinthian order, as appears by many of the buildings: and this is remarkable in the Corinthian portico, erected by Mr. James Gandon, to the entrance of the late House of Lords, in Dublin, now the *approchè* to the Directors'

Court-Room of the National Bank; and, according to Vitruvius, even the Doric entablature has been employed upon Corinthian columns; though, of the latter practice, there is not, as we are aware of, any example extant. The same author furthermore observes, that the Grecians, in their works, never employed the dentils under the modillions. It is, however, certain that the Romans were not so fastidious or over nice; for, in their most esteemed works, such as the Temple of Jupiter Stator, the Forum of Nerva, the Temple of Jupiter Tonans, and several others, we observe the dentils under the modillions; and these examples, it is presumed, will continue to authorize the same practice. The origin and history of these things are extremely remote, and known to but few, while the general effects of such compositions are known to all. If deviating, therefore, from what is little known and less felt, will contribute towards the perfection of that which all see and all approve, it cannot be justly censured.

The liberty, however, of deviating from the origin or reason of things, was by the antients, and must by us, be exercised with extreme caution; as it opens a wide door to whim and extravagance, and leaves a latitude to the composer, which often betrays and hurries him into ridiculous absurdities.

When the modillion cornice is employed on large concave surfaces, the sides of the modillions and coffers of the soffit should tend towards the centre of the curve, as in the Pantheon, at Rome; but, when the concave is small, it will be far the better way to direct them towards the opposite point in the circumference, that the contraction may be the less perceptible, and the parts dependent thereon suffer less deviation from their natural form. The same rules must also be observed with regard to dentils, to the abacus, and bases of columns and pilasters, and likewise to the flanks of the pilaster itself. But, on convex surfaces, the sides of all these should be parallel to each other, for it would be very unnatural, and extremely disagreeable, to observe them narrowest where they spring out of the cornice, and diverging as they advance forwards, forming sharp angles and a sort of mutilated triangular plan, with enlarged solids, and diminished intervals, each calculated to destroy the usual proportions and beauty of the composition.

The entablature to the Corinthian order may be reduced to two-ninths, or one-fifth of the height of the column, by the same rules as are given in the Ionic and Composite orders: but, where it is rendered necessary, or it is deemed expedient, to make the entablature so small as one-fifth, it will be best to substitute the Ionic

entablature, as Palladio has done in the peristyle of his Olympic Theatre, at Vicenza, and in several of his buildings; or else to retrench the dentils of the cornice, as in one of Serlio's, and in Scamozzi's profiles, the part of the cornice under the modillion band remaining then composed of only the ovolo and ogee, separated by a fillet, as in the several temples mentioned in Palladio's fourth book.

REFERENCES TO THE SEVERAL PLATES ON THE PRACTICE OF THE CORINTHIAN ORDER.

ORDERS, PLATE VIII.—*Fig. 1.* Represents, on an enlarged scale, the entablature and capital of the Roman Corinthian order, proportioned by modules and minutes in manner before described by Sir William Chambers.

Fig. 2.—Represents the attic base and part of the column, proportioned in a similar manner to the preceding.

Fig. 3.—The antique Corinthian base.

Fig. 4.—An oblique profile of the capital, showing the projection of the leaves, by a line drawn from the astragal to the extreme of the volute.

Fig. 5.—Semi plan of the capital, showing the number and arrangement of the leaves, as likewise the segmental curves forming the outlines of the capital.

Fig. 6.—Plan of the soffit of the entablature, shewing the modillions, and the manner of finishing the soffit at the angles.

ORDERS, PLATE X.—*Fig. 1.* A Roman Corinthian capital, from actual measurement, copied from the Temple of Vesta, at Tivoli.

Fig. 2.—Section or profile of the annexed capital.

Fig. 3.—Plan of the several parts of the above capital and base.

Fig. 4.—Elevation of the base and part of the cornice of the pedestal on which the order stands.

ORDERS, PLATE XXIII.—*Fig. 1.* A Grecian antique Corinthian capital appertaining to a column.

Fig. 2.—Profile of the before-mentioned capital.

Fig. 3.—Grecian Corinthian antique capital to an antæ.

Fig. 4.—Profile also of the last mentioned capital appertaining to the same.

ORDERS, PLATE XXIV.—*Fig. 1.* Grecian antique base to a Corinthian antæ.

Fig. 2.—Grecian Corinthian capital to an antæ.

Fig. 3.—Grecian antique base to a Corinthian antæ.

Fig. 4.—Grecian Corinthian capital to an antæ.

Fig. 5.—Profile of the preceding capital.

Fig. 6.—The base to the Grecian Corinthian pilaster, or antæ appertaining to the latter.

ORDERS, PLATE XXV.—*Fig. 1.* The entablature and capital of the Grecian Corinthian order, imitated from the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, commonly called the Lantern of Demosthenes.

Fig. 2.—Is a representation of half the base proportioned, as in the preceding examples.

Fig. 3.—Plan of the soffit of the entablature, showing the dentils, &c.

THE PRACTICE OF PILASTERS, AND THE GREEK ANTÆ.

COLUMNS differ from pilasters in their plans only; the latter being square or rectangular, whereas the former are round.

Pilasters, when accompanied by columns in the Roman style, have their bases, capitals, and entablatures, the same as the columns, and their component parts are all of similar heights and projections: and, when complete, they are identified by the names of *Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Composite, and Corinthian, Pilasters*.*

Of the two opposite compositions, says Chambers, the column is, without any doubt, the most perfect as well as the most beautiful. Nevertheless, it would be impossible for composers in architecture to dispense with pilasters; and upon most, and if not upon all, occasions they may be employed with fitness and great propriety. In numerous instances, on various accounts, they are even preferable to columns.

Pilasters are stated to be of Roman invention; and, doubtless, the composition of them is an improvement upon the Greeks, who, instead of them, employed what is called the *antæ*; and, says Mr. Joseph Gwilt, very justly, one of the most objectionable practices of the day is, the servile imitation of this Greek *antæ*. It is, adds he, quite inconsistent with any regard to primitive types, from which the Grecian architecture is supposed to have originated. Added to this, their application in such very thin laminæ against the walls, as could be pointed to in

* The reader is referred to the following Plates of *Orders*, for various examples of pilasters and the Greek *antæ*, Plates XIII, XIV, XX, XXIV.

some *pseudo-Grecian* buildings about the metropolis, produces a remarkably silly and unmeaning effect.

The Greeks employed these antæ in their temples, to receive the architraves where they entered upon the walls of the building; and in most, if not in all, of the examples of the antique, the front of the antæ is equal in diameter to the upper one of the adjacent column; the antæ being also of the same width at the top as at the bottom, and not diminished as in the Roman examples of pilasters. And these antæ, now so much the fashion in the metropolis, are executed, in imitation of the originals, equal in one direction to the diameter of the column in front; but, in flank, extravagantly thin in proportion to their heights, and neither their bases nor capitals bear any resemblance to those of the columns they accompany, and, it is supposed, in reference to the Greeks, that the Roman architects, being disgusted with the poor meagre aspect of these antæ, and the want of accordance in their bases and capitals, substituted *pilasters* in lieu of them; which, being proportioned and decorated in a similar manner with the columns, are, in the eyes of the most thinking and unprejudiced persons, more fitting, applicable, and seemly, as tending at once to preserve the unity and harmonious effects of all manner of architectural compositions wherein Columns and Pilasters accompany each other.

The compilers of this work are perfectly aware of the strong prejudice in favour of Grecian examples of every sort; nevertheless, they conceive it their duty to advise the juvenile student against the adoption of whatever appears to be not only inconsistent with, but repugnant to, *good taste*.

Several authors, says Chambers, are of different opinions about pilasters and their application, and to the end of the world such differences will exist in the minds of scientific men upon points of taste. A French Jesuit, says the same intelligent writer, many years ago, published an Essay on Architecture, which, from its plausibility, force, and elegance of diction, went through several editions, and operated very powerfully on the superficial part of European connoisseurs. The Abbe Laugier, who, it is understood, is the author adverted to, inveighs in the strongest terms against pilasters, and against every other architectonic form, excepting such as were imitated by the first builders in stone, from the primitive wooden huts: as if, in the entire catalogue of arts, architecture should be the only one confined to its pristine simplicity, and debarred from any deviation or improvement whatever.

To pilasters the learned father objects, because they are, in his opinion, nothing better than bad representations of columns. Their angles, says he, indicate the formal stiffness of art, and are a striking deviation from the simplicity of nature; their projections, sharp and inconvenient, offend and confine the eye; and their surfaces, without roundness, give to the entire order a tame insipid effect; they are not, as he thinks, susceptible of diminution, one of the most pleasing properties of columns: and, in his opinion, they never can be necessary. To sum up the whole, "he hates them; his aversion was first innate, but it has been subsequently confirmed by the study of architecture."

Now, as regards the reverend father's inborn aversion, much need not be said; and as to the several other objections, as they consist more of words than meaning, on that account they seem not to require argumentative refutation: conviction on the face of his own showing is too evident. To assert that pilasters are not susceptible of diminution, at once discovers very little acquaintance either with books of architecture or with buildings. Innumerable are the instances, in the remains of antiquity, of their being diminished; and, in particular, when associated with columns. They are so in the Temple of Mars the avenger, in the Frontispiece of Nero, in the Portico of Septimus Severus, and in the Arch of Constantine, at Rome. Scamozzi always gave to his pilasters the same diminution as to his columns; Palladio has diminished them in all his buildings at Venice; and Inigo Jones has likewise done the same in many of his designs, and in particular at Whitehall.

And if we trace back to the origin, and consider pilasters either as the representation of the ends of partition-walls, or trunks of trees reduced to the diameter of the round trunks, but left square for greater strength, the reason for diminishing them will, in either case, be manifest.

It is, also, a strange error to suppose, or to assert, that pilasters are never necessary; but that columns will, at all times, answer the same purpose: for, at the angles of most architectural fronts to buildings they are indispensably necessary, both for solidity and beauty. For the angular support, having a greater weight to bear than any of the rest, they should be so much the stronger, so that its diameter must be increased, or its plan altered, from the circle to the square. The last is certainly the most reasonable expedient; but, chiefly so, as it obviates a very striking defect, occasioned by employing columns at the angles of build-

ings; which is, that the angle of the entablature is left, as it were, apparently suspended in the air without any apparent support; a sight very painful and disagreeable in many oblique points of view, and at the same time very unsolid.

It is customary in most, if not on all, occasions, to porticos and other detached compositions, to employ columns at the angles; and it is extremely judicious so to do: for, of defects such as those described the least should be preferred; and, although, says Chambers, the reverend Father Laugier, whose objections have been cited, could not see any reason for rejecting detached pilasters when engaged ones are permitted, yet a very substantial reason may be assigned, which is, that detached pilasters, in certain oblique views, appear thicker than they do in front, and nearly in the ratio of seven to five; but of course, when seen in front, they will appear well-proportioned; yet, with respect to the columns they accompany, they never can appear so when viewed upon the angle; as may be observed in the colonnades at Burlington-House, in Piccadilly, London; and in the portico of Saint George's, Hanover Square; as well as in the extraordinary *applique* to the front of the new theatre in Drury Lane.

Engaged pilasters may be employed, and appositely, in churches, galleries, halls, and in other exterior decorations, to save room; for, as they seldom project more than one quarter of their diameters, they will not occupy near so much room as attached three-quarter columns. Pilasters are also frequently introduced, with great propriety, in exterior decorations; and, very frequently, to avoid superfluous expense. The effects of this may be observed in many of the splendid mansions of the nobility in the metropolis, and in many other towns: at other times pilasters accompany columns, being placed beyond them, to support the springing of the architraves, as in the Corinthian portico of Saint Martin's Church, London, in which instance the pilasters are continued all round the building, and in the intervals between the several loggia porticos, as well as from the latter, up to the grand portico in front, allowed to be the most perfect of the description in the British Metropolis. Blondel also says, that pilasters may likewise be employed instead of columns, to form porticos; but, among the Roman antiques, examples of this sort are not to be found. The Choragic Monument of Trysallus, at the foot of the Acropolis, may, however, be considered as a Grecian example, a fac-simile of which, as regards proportions, may be seen at the entrance to the Rev. Mr. Belsham's chapel, in Essex Street, leading from the Strand.

The proportions of the monument adverted to are very much and justly admired: but, as regards the square detached pillar, or pilaster, in the centre, it cannot receive the approbation of scientific men when applied as a portico round an entrance, the aperture of which is in the centre of the portico *applique*.

When pilasters are introduced as chief ornaments in compositions, they should always project at least one quarter of their diameters beyond the walls, as Scamozzi teaches, and as they have been executed by Inigo Jones, at Whitehall; which projection produces that degree of boldness requisite in buildings of a certain standard, and in the Corinthian and Composite orders is also more regular; and, because the stems of the volutes, and the small leaves in flank of the capital are then cut exactly through their centres. But, if the cornices of the windows should be continued in the inter-pilasters, which is sometimes the case; or, if there should be cornices to mark the separations between the principal and second stories, as at the Mansion House, in London; or large imposts of arches, the projections must then, and in such cases, be increased; provided they are not sufficient to stop the most prominent parts of such decorations, it being extremely offensive to the judicious to see several of the uppermost mouldings of an impost or cornice cut away perpendicularly, in order to make room for the pilaster, while the cornice or impost on each side projects considerably beyond it; as is the case in many public buildings of great notoriety. Mutilations should, on all occasions, be studiously avoided, as being destructive of perfection, and strong indications either of inattention or ignorance.

When pilasters are placed behind columns and very near to them, they should not project above one-eighth of their diameter, or even less, unless there should be imposts, or continued cornices, in the inter-pilasters; in which case, whatever has been before observed must be particularly attended to. Where flutings are required to the shafts of pilasters, the same proportions should be followed as in the same ornaments to columns.

ON THE

ANTIENT ARCHITECTURE OF GREAT BRITAIN,

RECOGNIZED AS

THE GOTHIC, SAXON, AND NORMAN MODES OF BUILDING.

To those usually called Gothic architects, says Chambers, we are indebted for the first considerable improvements in construction; there is a lightness in their works, an art and boldness of execution, to which the antient Greeks and Romans never arrived, and which the moderns, we may almost venture to say, until within the last thirty years, did not much comprehend. England contains many magnificent examples in buildings of this species of architecture, equally admirable for the art with which they are built, the taste and ingenuity with which they are composed. And, says Mr. Gwilt, with equal pungency, there is more constructive skill shown in Salisbury and other of our cathedrals, than in all the works of the antient Grecian and Roman architects put together. The balance of the thrusts of the different arches, the adjustments of thickness in the vaultings, and the exceeding small ratio of the points of support in those buildings to their whole superficies; and, added to these, the consequent lightness and elegance of form which they exhibit, leave us not any thing to desire.

We cannot, therefore, refrain from wishing, with the authors quoted, that Gothic structures were more considered, better understood, and in higher estimation, than they seem to have been in the last century. If as much pains had been taken fifty years since to publish the antiquities of England, as the gleanings of Greece, the architects of our country would have been, at the present crisis, as well informed on the subject of English architecture, as they are at the present

time with Grecian and Roman principles. Let, says Chambers, our antiquaries, alluding to the Society of Dilettanti, encourage persons duly qualified to undertake a correct elegant publication of our cathedrals, and other buildings called Gothic, before they totally fall to ruin.* It would be, says he, a real service to the arts of design; preserve the remembrance of an extraordinary style of building, now sinking fast into oblivion; and, at the same time, publish to the world the riches of Great Britain and Ireland, in the splendour of their antient structures. It is true, that since the third edition of Sir William Chambers's valuable Treatise on Civil Architecture, published about thirty-five years ago, this desideratum has been in a great measure accomplished by Mr. John Britton, F.S.A., the author of "The Antiquities of Great Britain." The indefatigable exertions of this gentleman, and the care with which he has endeavoured to perpetuate, by his works, the remains of our antient architecture, entitle him to the gratitude of every lover of the Fine Arts. The descriptions and delineations of the cathedrals, now in course of publication, are of the highest class. That which, perhaps, would have been done in other countries at the expense of the nation, this enterprising and intelligent antiquarian has nearly completed at his own risk, and in the most judicious as well as elegant manner.

To Mr. Augustus Pugin, also, an eminent French architect, who has been upwards of thirty years a resident amongst us in this country, we are greatly indebted. The last work published by that ingenious, excellent, and worthy artist upon Gothic architecture, will be perused with pleasure, and eagerly sought for by those who are anxious to obtain information at the fountain head.

To Mr. Cottingham, an ingenious architect, of the present day, we are also indebted for intelligent plans, elevations, sections, details, and views, of the lady chapel, at Westminster, built at the beginning of the sixteenth century. The work last alluded to contains a variety of useful information, which must prove not only interesting to the practical builder, but also to the architectural world in general. The chapel last mentioned, is commonly known as Henry the Seventh's, and is one of the most elaborate Gothic buildings that ever was performed in this country; and, we believe, cannot be equalled by comparison, or

* Such a work, by the Society, was commenced some years ago, and conducted by the late antiquary, Mr. Carter, but we are not aware of its being completed. Hollar's Views of our Cathedrals were published many years since, but are now very scarce.

assimilated to any other in this kingdom, except King's-College Chapel, Cambridge, the former of which has been lately restored at the expense of the nation.

The Rev. John Milner, D.D. F.S.A., &c., in his "Treatise on the Ecclesiastical Architecture of England," endeavouring to account for its origin, recites Bishop Warburton's, we may say bad, success in the attempt; and which, with due reverence to the name of the bishop, we present to our readers, to show the fertile imagination of the reverend prelate, but without attaching much credence to its authenticity, any more than to the romantic notions in the translations of Vitruvius, about the origin of the Five Orders of Architecture. "When the Goths," says the bishop, "had conquered Spain, and the genial warmth of the climate, and the religion of the old inhabitants had ripened their wits, and inflamed their mistaken piety, both kept in exercise by the neighbourhood of the Saracens, through emulation of their service and aversion to their superstition, they struck out a new species of architecture, unknown to Greece and Rome. For, says he, this northern people having been accustomed, during the gloom of paganism, to worship the Deity in groves, a practice common to all nations, when their new religion required covered edifices, they ingeniously projected to make them resemble groves, as nearly as the distance of architecture would permit, at once indulging their old prejudices and providing for the present conveniences, by a cool receptacle in a sultry climate: and with what skill and success they executed their project, by the assistance of Saracenic architects, whose exotic style of building very luckily suited their purpose, appears from hence, that no attentive observer ever viewed a regular avenue of well-grown trees, intermixing their branches over head, but it presently put him in mind of the long *vista* through a Gothic cathedral," &c. The pleasures of imagination, it would seem, are not less susceptible in the divine than in the poet and the architect; but, where such notions as those recited are indulged with extravagance, at the expense of reason, it is the duty of scientific men to treat such fabulous excursions of fancy as they merit. We should feel pleasure in pursuing the subject, but regret that the limits of our work will not permit us to enter into the history of Saxon, Gothic, and Norman architecture, further than by the preceding general observations, which we hope may tend, in some degree, to the improvement of the scientific world; and if it should be the wish of our friends and

subscribers, this work will be succeeded by a practical treatise on the subject, illustrating the antient architecture of Great Britain, in practical details of Saxon and Gothic doors, windows, battlements, pinnacles, and oriel windows, &c.; at the same time, embracing as much general information as will at once enable the practical architect to design castellated villas and mansions, as well as churches, chapels, and glebe-houses, in their various characteristic modes of building, and in strict conformity with the principles of our antient ecclesiastical architecture, and such other edifices as, in former times, it was the pride of our ancestors to adopt; and which, at the present moment, is rapidly advancing in estimation, under the fostering protection of his present Majesty, whose admiration of British architecture can be only equalled by such ardent feeling as was manifested by our late revered Monarch, George the Third, who, it is presumed, caused, by his Royal patronage and adoption of our national style of building, more castellated mansions, Gothic abbeys, and baronial castles, to be erected in the different parts of the United Kingdom, than can be traced, in former times, throughout the pages of English History. The antient architecture of our country, therefore, being, at the present period, in high estimation, we are of opinion that a work of the description above alluded to must be a *desideratum*, not only to the practical architect, but also to the public at large.

By recent efforts, conducted according to the most approved principles of architecture, the face of our country is daily acquiring new beauty. Taste without use and solidity is, indeed, of little permanent value; but, when combined with truth, it commands, by deserving, universal applause. This, in the present age, is verified by the numerous beautiful edifices rising in all quarters, for the purposes of religion, benevolence, learning, and the enjoyment of mankind; and thus we may justly congratulate our country, that the happy art in building is at length discovered and practised, by combining elegance with convenience, and rendering ornament conducive to accommodation.

CHAPTER XVII.

PERSPECTIVE.

DEFINITIONS.

DEF. 1.—**LINEAR** Perspective is the art of representing an object on a plane surface in such a manner, that if the eye, the plane, and the object, be duly posited with respect to each other, a straight line drawn from any point in that object to the eye will meet the picture in the corresponding point of the representation.

DEF. 2.—The plane surface on which the representation is made, is called the *plane of the picture*.

DEF. 3.—The point wherein the eye of the spectator is placed is called the *point of sight*.

DEF. 4.—The point where a perpendicular, from the point of sight to the plane of the picture, meets that plane, is called the *centre of the picture*.

DEF. 5.—If a plane be supposed to pass through the point of sight, parallel to the plane of the picture, that plane is called the *directing plane*.

DEF. 6.—An original point, line, or plane, is a point, line, or plane, referred to the object itself.

DEF. 7.—The point where a line from the object, produced, if necessary, meets the picture, is called the *intersecting point* of that line.

DEF. 8.—The line in which any original plane meets the picture, is called the *intersecting line* of that plane.

DEF. 9.—The point where any original line meets the directing plane, is called the *directing point* of that line.

DEF. 10.—A line joining the point of sight and the directing point of an original line, is called the *director* of that original line.

DEF. 11.—The line where an original plane, or its prolongation, meets the directing plane, is called the *directing line* of that original plane.

DEF. 12.—A line drawn through the point of sight, parallel to any original line, is called the *radial* of that original line.

DEF. 13.—A plane passing through the point of sight, parallel to any original plane, is called the *radial* of that original plane.

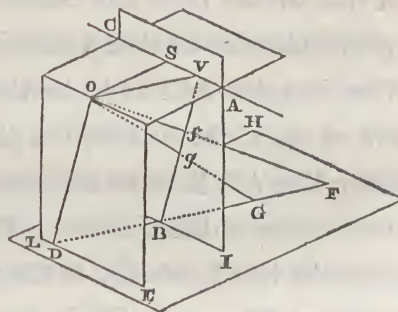
DEF. 14.—The point wherein the radial of any original line meets the picture, is called the *vanishing point* of that original line.

DEF. 15.—The line where the radial of any original plane meets the picture, is called the *vanishing line* of that original plane.

DEF. 16.—The point where a perpendicular, from the point of sight to a vanishing line, meets that line, is called the *centre* of that vanishing line.

DEF. 17.—The representation of any object is called the *projection* of that object.

In order to comprehend more clearly the meaning of these definitions, imagine the plane, ABC, to represent the plane of the picture (*Def. 2*), O the point of sight (*Def. 3*), the plane ODE the directing plane (*Def. 5*): F and G original points, FG an original line, and FGH an original plane (*Def. 6*): Let the original line, GF, meet the picture in BI, and the directing plane in DE; BI is the intersecting line (*Def. 8*), B is the intersecting point, and D the directing point (*Def. 9*). Again, let OAC be a plane parallel to the original plane, FGH, meeting the picture in the line AC, AC is the vanishing line of the plane FGH (*Def. 15*). If the line OV be parallel to the original line FG, and meet the picture in V, V is the vanishing point of the line FG (*Def. 14*). Let FG produced meet the picture in B, and the directing plane in D, B is the intersecting point of the line FG (*Def. 7*), D the directing point of the same line (*Def. 9*), and OD the director (*Def. 10*). If OS be perpendicular to AC, meeting AC in S, S is the centre of the vanishing line AC (*Def. 16*).



AXIOMS.

AXIOM 1.—The common intersection of two planes is a straight line.

AXIOM 2.—If two straight lines meet in a point, or are parallel to each other, a plane may pass through them both.

AXIOM 3.—The three sides of a plane triangle are in the same plane.

AXIOM 4.—If two straight lines be each intersected by a third, the three lines are in one plane.

AXIOM 5.—Every point in a straight line is in the same plane with that straight line.

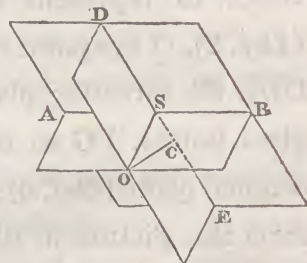
LEMMA 1.

If the plane BSO, (see the diagram to *theorem 1*.) meet the plane AEBD, in the line AB and if from any point O, in the plane BSO, OS be drawn perpendicular to AB, meeting AB in S, if OC be drawn perpendicularly to the plane AEBD and CS joined, CS is perpendicular to AB.

THEOREM I.

A line drawn from the centre of the picture to the centre of the vanishing line, is perpendicular to that vanishing line.

For, imagine AEBD to be the plane of the picture, O the point of the sight, and OSB a plane passing through the vanishing line AB, let S be the centre of the vanishing line, and C the centre of the picture. Then, since OS is drawn perpendicular to AB, and OC to the plane AEBD, meeting A in C, therefore (*Lemma 1*) OS is perpendicular to AB. Q. E. D.



COROLLARY.—The distance OS, of any vanishing line AB, is the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle, one leg of which is the distance of the picture OC, and the other the distance, CS, between the centre of the picture and the centre of the vanishing line.

THEOREM II.

The representation of a straight line is a straight line.

For straight lines drawn from any number of points in a straight line, to a point given in position, are all in one plane; and, if this plane be cut by another, the common section of these planes is a straight line.

Therefore, straight lines passing from every point in an original line, to the point of sight, will cut the picture in a straight line.

THEOREM III.

The indefinite representation of a straight line, not parallel to the picture, passes through both its intersecting and vanishing points.

For the intersecting point is the representation of a point in the original line, and the vanishing point the representation of another point in the same line, but the representation of a straight line is a straight line. (*Theorem II.*) Therefore, the line joining the intersecting and vanishing points is a straight line.

COR. 1.—The representations of all original lines, which are parallel to one another, pass through the same vanishing point, for only one line can be drawn through the point of sight which will be parallel to them all, and that line can generate only one vanishing point.

COR. 2.—The centre of the picture is the vanishing point of all lines perpendicular to the picture.

THEOREM IV.

The representation of a line parallel to the picture, is parallel to its original.

For, because the line is parallel to the picture, a plane, which is also parallel to the picture, can be drawn through that line: let it be done; and, suppose lines to be drawn from all the points of the original line to the point of sight, these lines will form a plane, which is intersected by two parallel planes; but, when a plane cuts two parallel planes, their common sections are parallel lines; therefore the representation is parallel to the original.

COR. 1.—The representations of any number of lines parallel to the picture are parallel to one another.

COR. 2.—The representation of any plane figure, parallel to the picture, is similar to the original; for rays that issue from the original to the eye form a pyramid, of which the picture is a section parallel to the base; but a section of a pyramid, parallel to its base, is similar to the base: therefore, the representation of any plane figure, parallel to the picture, is similar to the original.

THEOREM V.

The representation of a straight line is parallel to its director.

For the plane that passes through the original line and the eye, will intersect both the plane of the picture and the directing plane; but the plane of the picture and the directing plane are parallel to each other. Now, the representation of the original line is the intersection of the plane passing through the original line and the eye, with the plane of the picture; therefore, the representation of the original line is parallel to its director.

COR. 1.—The representation of all lines that have the same director are parallel to each other.

COR. 2.—When the original line is parallel to the picture, the director is parallel to the original line.

COR. 3.—If the director be perpendicular to the directing line, the representations of all original lines, which terminate in the directing point, will be perpendicular to the intersecting line.

COR. 4.—If the director be perpendicular to the directing line, and the plane of the picture perpendicular to the original plane, then the representations of lines perpendicular to and in the original plane, drawn from the point where the perpendicular meets it, will be in one straight line, perpendicular to the intersecting line.

THEOREM VI.

The vanishing, intersecting, and directing, lines are parallel to each other.

For the directing and intersecting lines, being the sections of parallel planes, are parallel to each other; and, for the same reason, because the vanishing and intersecting lines are the intersections of parallel planes, they are parallel to each other. Therefore, the directing and vanishing lines are both parallel to the intersecting line; but lines, which are parallel to the same line, are parallel to one another: hence the truth of the proposition is manifest.

THEOREM VII.

The vanishing points of all the lines in any original plane are in the vanishing line of that plane.

For, since all the original lines are in the same plane, their radials, which pass through the point of sight, will also be in a parallel plane; but this parallel plane, passing through the point of sight, produces the vanishing line; wherefore all the vanishing points are in the vanishing line.

COR. 1.—Original parallel planes have the same vanishing line.

COR. 2.—The vanishing point of the common intersection of two original planes, is the intersection of their vanishing lines.

COR. 3.—The vanishing line of a plane, perpendicular to the picture, passes through the centre of the picture.

THEOREM VIII.

The intersecting points of all lines, in the same original plane, are in the intersecting line of that plane. This is so obvious as to require no demonstration.

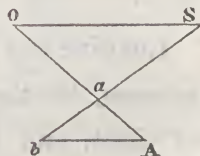
COR. 1.—The intersecting point of the line of common section of two original planes, is the intersecting point of a straight line common to, or in, each plane.

COR. 2.—Planes which have their common section parallel to the picture, have their intersecting and vanishing lines parallel to each other.

PROBLEM 1.

Given the centre and distance of the picture, with the seat of a point, on the plane of the picture, and the distance of the point from its seat; to find the representation of that point.

Let S be the centre of the picture, and b the seat of the point; draw SO at pleasure equal to the distance of the picture, and let bA be drawn parallel to SO , and equal to the distance of the point from its seat. Join bS and AO ; and the point a of intersection is the representation required.



DEMONSTRATION.

For if the triangle OSb , and, consequently, AaS , had been a right-angle; by turning the triangles SOa and bAa round the line Sb , as an axis, till SO and bA become perpendicular to the picture, O would be the point of sight, and A the original point. AO would be the visual ray, intersecting the picture in a , which would be the representation of the point A (by *Theorem II*); but the point a is the same, whatever be the species of the angle OSb ; because the triangles OSa and Aba are similar. Hence $Sa : ab :: SO : bA$; which proportionality is not affected by any change of magnitude that may take place in the angle OSb ; therefore, in all cases, the point a , thus found, is the representation required.

COR. 1.—Hence $OS + bA : Sa + ab :: Ab : ba$.

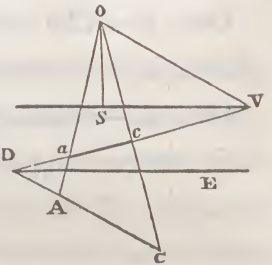
COR. 2.—By this proposition the representation of any line may be found; for having found the representations of any two points in that line, we have only to draw a line through the representations thus found.

PROBLEM 2.

Given the seat of a line, its intersecting point, the angle it makes with its seat, and the centre and distance of the picture; to find the vanishing point and the representation of that line.

Let DE be the seat of the line, D its intersecting point, and S the centre of the picture.

Draw DC, making with DE an angle, equal to that which the original line makes with its seat. Draw SV parallel to DE, and SO perpendicular to SV, making SO equal to the distance of the picture. Draw OV parallel to DC, meeting SV in V, then will V be the vanishing point, OV its distance from the point of sight, and DV the representation of the line proposed.



DEMONSTRATION.

Imagine the planes OVS and CDE to be turned round on the lines SV and DE as axes, till they become perpendicular to the picture; then will O be the point of sight, and DC the original line parallel to OV. V is its vanishing point (*Def. 14*), and, consequently, DV is the indefinite representation. Q. E. D.

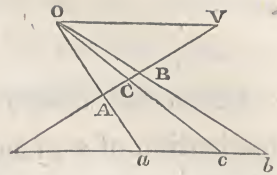
COR.—Conceive DC to be the original line laid on the picture, by turning the plane CDE round the line ED. The representation of any part of it, as AC, may be found, by drawing AO and CO as visual rays, intersecting DV in the points *ac*; as the points *ac* depend only on the parallelism and proportionality of the lines OV and DC.

For $aV : aD :: VO : DA$, and $cV : cD :: VO : DC$. These analogies arising from the similarity of the triangles aVO, aDA ; as also cVO and cDC .

PROBLEM 3.

Given the representation of a line and its vanishing point, to find the representation of a point, whose original divides the original line in a given ratio.

Let AB be the representation of the line whose division is required, and V its vanishing point. Draw, at pleasure, VO , and ba parallel to VO . Through any point, O , in the line VO , draw OA and OB , intersecting ba in a and b . Divide ab in c , in the given ratio, and draw Oc , intersecting AB in C ; then will C be the representation required: the original of BC being to the original of CA as bc to ca .



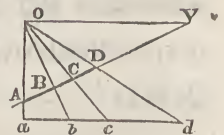
DEMONSTRATION.

OV being parallel to ba , ba may be considered as the original line, and OV as its parallel; and, consequently, O as the point of sight, and aO, bO, cO , as visual rays, generating the points ABC .

PROBLEM 4.

Given the representation and vanishing point of a line, together with a point in that representation, to find another point in the representation, which, with the one given, shall intercept a line, whose original shall have a given ratio to the original of the given representation.

Let AB be the given representation, V its vanishing point, and C the point given, which, with another point to be found, intercepts the required portion of AV .



Draw VO , at pleasure, and let ad be drawn parallel thereto. From any point, O in VO , draw OA, OB, OC , meeting ad in the points a, b , and c . Make cd to ab , as the part represented by AB is to the required intercept, and draw Od , cutting AV in D ; then will D be the required point. For the original of CD is to the original of AB as cd is to ab .

DEMONSTRATION.

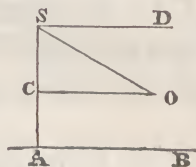
If OV be conceived as the vanishing line of a plane, passing through the original of AV , ad , being parallel to it, may be considered as the representation of a line parallel to the picture (*Cor. 2, Theor. V.*); and, therefore, its parts, ab and cd , will have the same ratio as their originals. (*Theor. IV.*) But, because of the vanishing point, O , the originals of Oa, Ob, Oc , and Od , are parallel (by *Cor. 1, Theor. III.*); wherefore, the original of CD is to the original of AB as cd to ab . Q. E. D.

PROBLEM 5.

Given the centre and distance of the picture, the intersection and angle of inclination of a plane, to find the vanishing line of that plane, with the centre and distance of the vanishing line.

Let C be the centre of the picture, and AB the intersecting line of the given plane.

Draw CO parallel to AB, and equal to the picture's distance. Through C draw AS perpendicular to AB, and make the angle OSC equal to the inclination of the plane and picture. Draw SD parallel to AB, then will SD be the vanishing line required, S its centre, and OS its distance.



DEMONSTRATION.

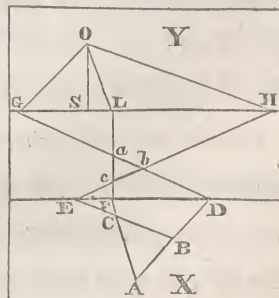
Imagine the triangle OCS to be turned on CS as an axis, so that OS may be perpendicular to the picture, then O will be the point of sight; and SD being parallel to AB, a plane passing along SD and O will be parallel to the original plane, passing along the line AB, and inclined to the picture in the angle OSC: wherefore SD is the vanishing line required. OS, in that supposition, being perpendicular to SD, S is the centre, and SO the distance of the vanishing line. Q.E.D.

PROBLEM 6.

Given the intersecting and vanishing lines; the centre and distance of the vanishing line, with a figure in the original plane. To find the representation of that figure.

Method the first.—Let ED be the given intersecting line, GH the vanishing line, and S its centre. Draw SO perpendicular to GH, and make SO equal to the distance of the vanishing line GH.

Suppose the space, X, the original plane, to be turned on the line ED, as an axis behind the picture, and the plane Y to be turned on the line GH, as an axis before the picture, so as to be parallel to the plane X. Suppose, now, that AB is an original line in the plane X, of which the representation is required.



Produce AB to meet the intersecting line ED in D, and draw OG parallel to

AB, meeting the vanishing line in G. Join DG, and DG will be the indefinite representation of AB. Through A and B draw, at pleasure, AC and BC, and, as before, find their indefinite projections, FL and EH intersecting DG in the points a and b ; then will ab be the definite representation of AB.

DEMONSTRATION.

Imagine the planes X and Y to be turned round the lines ED and GH, as axes, till they become parallel to each other. Then, whatever may be the angle which the plane of the picture makes with the original plane, OG will always be parallel to AB; and, consequently, D will be the intersecting point of the line AB, G the vanishing point, and DG its indefinite representation. (*Theor. III.*) Also, the point *a*, found by the intersection of FL with DG, is the representation of the point A.

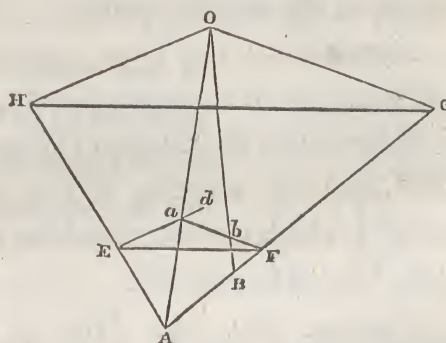
Method the second.—Suppose AB to be an original line given. Having found its indefinite representation, DG, as before, draw OA and OB, intersecting DG in *a* and *b*: then will *a* and *b* be the representations of A and B, the extremities of the original line AB, and the figure may be completed, as before.

Method the third, by Directors.—Let EF be the given intersecting line, HG the directing line, the distance between EF and HG being equal to the distance of the given vanishing line.

Let O be the point of sight in the directing plane, HOG, which, at present, for the operation, is supposed to be turned on HG, till it fall on the original plane. Again, let AB be a line in the original plane, which is also supposed to turn on the intersecting line, EF, till its plane fall on the original plane. Then, to find the representation of AB,

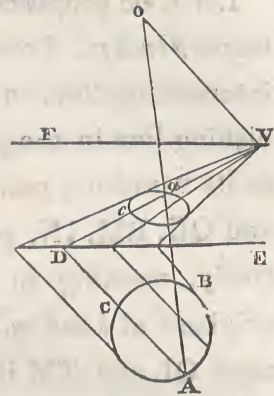
Produce AB, to meet the intersecting line, EF, in F, and the directing line, HG, in G. Join GO, and draw $F\alpha$ parallel to GO; then $F\alpha$ will be the indefinite representation of AB, as required.

If, from the point A, we draw any straight line, AE, and find the indefinite representation, Ea, in the same manner as Fa was found, then the intersection,



Example 2, by a Vanishing Point.—Let FV be the vanishing line, GE the intersecting line, O the point of sight, and the original figure, ABC , a circle. Then the representation a of any point, A , may be found thus.

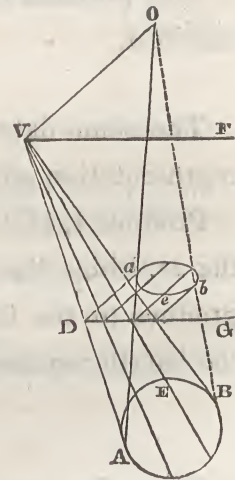
Through A draw AD , at pleasure, meeting GE in D ; and draw OV parallel to AD , meeting FV in V . Join DV and AO , intersecting each other in a ; then a is the representation of the point A .



In finding the representations of the other points in the circle, much labour may be saved by drawing lines through all the points parallel to AD , for then one vanishing point will serve for ascertaining the representations of as many points in the original figure as are necessary.

Or, by a Directing Point, thus:—Let VF be the directing line, O the point of sight, and DG the intersecting line, AEB the original plane.

Draw AV , at pleasure, meeting DG in D , and VF in V . Join OV , and draw Da parallel to VO , and let OA intersect Da in a . Then a is the representation of A .



And as many points as may be thought necessary may be found in the same manner; but much labour will be saved by employing the same vanishing point for all the points in the circumference. In this case, the indefinite representations will be parallel to Da .

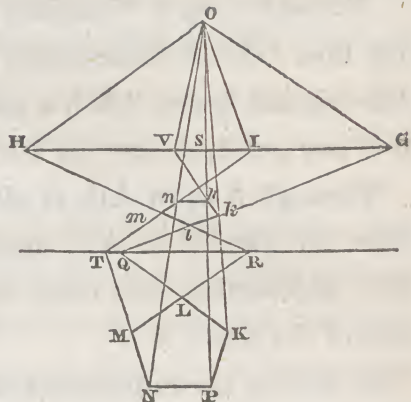
PROBLEM 8.

To find the representation of any figure in a plane parallel to the picture. The representation being similar to its original (by *Cor. 2, Theor. IV.*) we have only to find the representation of one line of the original figure, and on that line, as a side, construct a figure whose homologous sides shall have the same ratio as those of the original figure.

PROBLEM 9.

Given the intersecting and vanishing lines, the centre and distance of the vanishing line, with the representation of a figure. To find the original of that figure, whose representation is given:

Let it be proposed to find the original of the pentagon $klmnp$. Produce the sides till they meet the intersecting line, in the points Q, R, T, and the vanishing line in the points G, H, I; and produce kp to its vanishing point, V. Draw OG, OH, OI, OV, and QK, RM, IN, parallel to the first three respectively, meeting in L and M, which will be the originals of l and m . Draw Ok and On, which will meet QL and TM in the original points, K and N. Then draw KP parallel to OV; and let Op be also drawn, meeting KP in P, which is the original of p .



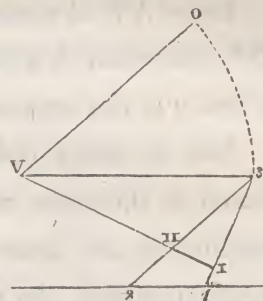
Lastly, draw NP, and we shall have KLMNP the original of $klmnp$.

This problem being the reverse of Problem 7, the truth of the construction is manifest.

PROBLEM 10.

The same data being given, to find the original of one representation only.

Produce I, II, to its vanishing point V; and draw VO. In the vanishing line take V3 equal to VO. Join 3I, 3II, which produce to the intersecting points, 1, 2. Then will 1, 2 be the length required of the original I, II.

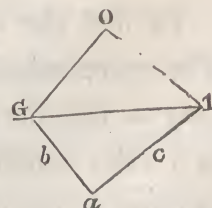


PROBLEM 11.

Given the vanishing line, its centre, and distance, with the representation of a line. To find the representation of another line, so that the originals of the two lines shall contain a given angle.

Let G1 be the vanishing line, O the point of sight, and ab the representation given.

Produce ab to its vanishing point, G. Join GO, and make the angle GO1 equal to the given angle, and draw 1ca, which will be the line required.



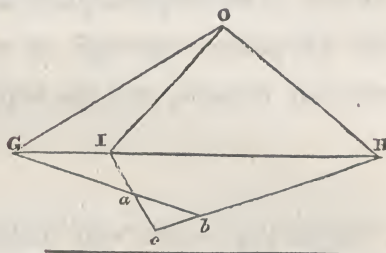
DEMONSTRATION.

This is evident from *Def.* 14, and from *Theor.* III; for the radials of two original lines which form an angle, make an angle equal to that of the originals. Then bac is the representation of that angle.

PROBLEM 12.

Given the vanishing line, its centre, and distance, with the representation of one side of a triangle, whose species is given. To find the representation of the whole triangle.

Let ab be the given representation, which produce to its vanishing point, at G . Join GO , and make the angle GOI equal to the angle, which the side of the original triangle, whose representation is given, makes with the other side, terminating in the same point. Draw OH to make an angle equal to the obtuse angle of the triangle. Join Hb , which produce to c ; then will abc be the representation required.



PROBLEM 13.

Given the vanishing line, its centre, and distance, with the representation of one side of any figure. To find the representation of the whole figure.

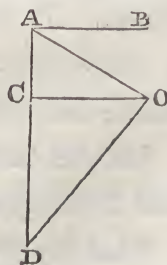
Resolve the figure into as many triangles as it has sides, by diagonals drawn from the nearest angle to all the other angles; then find the representations of these triangles one after another.

This may be done otherwise, by the application of the preceding problems.

PROBLEM 14.

Given the centre and distance of the picture, with the vanishing line of a plane, to find the vanishing point of lines perpendicular to that plane.

Let AB be the given vanishing line, and C the centre of the picture. Through C draw AD , perpendicular, and CO parallel, to AB . Make CO equal to the distance of the picture. Join AO ; and draw OD perpendicular to AO . Then D is the vanishing point of the lines required.



DEMONSTRATION.

Suppose the triangle AOD to be turned round AD , as an axis, until its plane becomes perpendicular to the plane of the picture. This done, the plane, passing

through the point of sight O, and the vanishing line AB, will be parallel to the original plane; and the line OD will be perpendicular to this plane, passing through the point of sight, and, consequently, will be parallel to lines which are perpendicular to the original plane. Therefore D is the vanishing point of these lines.

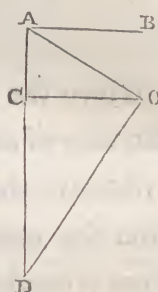
COR.—The original plane is perpendicular to the picture, when the vanishing line AB passes through its centre. In this case, the vanishing point D will be infinitely distant, and the representations sought, perpendicular to AB.

PROBLEM 15.

Given the centre and distance of the picture, with the vanishing point of parallel lines. To find the vanishing line of a plane, whose original is perpendicular to the original parallel lines.

Let C be the centre of the picture, and D the vanishing point of parallel lines.

Through C draw DA, and let CO be perpendicular to DA. Make CO equal to the distance of the picture. Join DO; draw OA perpendicular to DO; and, through A, draw AB parallel to CO. Then AB will be the vanishing line required, A its centre, and OA its distance.



This construction necessarily follows from the preceding problem.

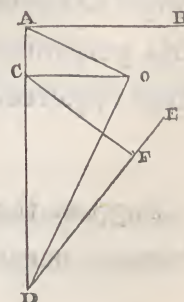
PROBLEM 16.

Given the centre and distance of the picture, with the vanishing line of parallel planes. To draw through a given point another vanishing line of a plane which is perpendicular to that plane, whose vanishing line is given; and to find the centre and distance of the vanishing line thus drawn.

Let AB be the given vanishing line, C the centre of the picture, and E the given point.

Find (by *Prob. 14*) the vanishing point D, of lines perpendicular to the original plane, whose vanishing line is AB.

Join DE, which is the vanishing line required. Draw CF perpendicular to DE, meeting it in F, and F is the centre of the vanishing line DE (by *Theor. I*).



 EXAMPLES.

In the application of Perspective to figures in the original plane, to save repetition in describing the diagrams, VL is the vanishing line, IN the intersecting line, C the centre of the picture, in the vanishing line VL. CP is drawn perpendicular to VL, and equal to the distance of the picture. (*Fig. 1, Plate V.*)

The space below the intersecting line, IN, is supposed to be the original plane. The space above the vanishing line, VL, may either be considered as a continuation of the picture upwards, or the plane which passes through the eye parallel to the original plane.

Ex. 1.—To find the representation of a point A. (*Fig. 2, Plate V.**)

In CP make PD equal to the height of the eye. Draw Af towards D, meeting IN in f. Through A draw any line, AI; and draw Pa parallel thereto, meeting the vanishing line in a; and join Ia. Draw a perpendicular to IN, from f, to meet Ia; and the point of intersection will be the representation of the original point A.

Here the point D is used as a directing point; and where it appears in the subsequent diagrams, it is used for the same purpose.

Ex. 2.—To find the vanishing point of an original line, AB. (*Fig. 2.*)

Draw Pa parallel to AB, meeting the vanishing line in a; then a is the vanishing point required.

Ex. 3.—To find the intersecting point of a given line, AB. (*Fig. 2.*) Produce BA to meet the intersecting line in I; then I is the point required.

Ex. 4.—To find the indefinite representation of the line AB. (*Fig. 2.*) Find the vanishing point a, (as in *Example 2*,) and the intersecting point d, (as in *Example 3*.) Join ad, and ad will be the representation required.

Ex. 5.—An original line, AB, (*Fig. 2*,) a point in that line, and the indefinite representation, ad, being given; to find the representation of the point.

Draw Af towards D, meeting the intersecting line in f, and draw fa perpendicular to IN, meeting the indefinite representation ad in a; then a is the representation of the point A, as required.

Hence we may find the representation of a line, AB, limited at both ends.

Ex. 6.—To find the representation of any plane figure.

* This plate has been numbered V. by mistake. It is, properly, *Perspective, Plate I.* Hence, VI. should be II, &c.

Find the indefinite representation of all the sides, and the space enclosed by these representations will be the representation of the figure.

Figure 3 shows the representation of a triangle: *fig. 4* the representation of a square; and *fig. 5* the representation of a hexagon.

Ex. 7.—To find the representation of a circle. (*Fig. 6.*)

Find the representation, $abcd$, of a square, circumscribing the circle; draw the diagonal of the trapezium, which represents the square; find the representation of two lines, touching the circle in E and F : and the representations, e and f , of these points, with the intersection of the two diagonals of the trapezium, is in the representation of the circle. Draw a line to each vanishing point of the square, through the representation of the centre, to cut or meet each line of the representation of the sides.

Through the four points of the trapezium, and the two points e and f , describe an ellipse, which will be the representation required.

Ex. 8, fig. 7, shows the representation of a circle, by drawing parallel lines through the figure, and finding the indefinite representation of these lines, with the representations of the points where the parallels cut the original circle. An ellipse being described through the points thus found, will be the representation of the circle.

Ex. 9.—*Fig. 1, pl. VI,* exhibits the representation of a rectangular block, as it would appear if placed on the ground, and also as it would appear if placed above the level of the eye. The heights are set off on the perpendicular, fe , from the intersecting point, e .

Ex. 10.—To find the representation of a square pyramid.

Let $ABCD$, (*fig. 2,*) be the plan. Produce DA to its intersecting point e , and draw gf parallel to DA . Find the representations of the sides AD and AB by the preceding examples. From the centre of the plan, g , draw a line to the directing point D ; and from the point where this line cuts the intersecting line, IN , raise an indefinite perpendicular; also, draw hf perpendicular to IN , and equal to the height of the pyramid. From h , draw a line to the vanishing point V , cutting the indefinite perpendicular in g ; then g is the vertex of the pyramid; and join gd , ga , and gb , which will complete the representation.

Ex. 11.—To find the representation of a frustum of a square pyramid, *fig. 3.*

Find the representation of the entire pyramid, as in the last example; and let

$efgh$ be a plan of the top of the frustum. Draw ef to its intersecting point m , and make mn perpendicular to IN , and equal to the height of the frustum. From n , draw a line to the vanishing point V , which will give ef , the edge of the frustum; and from f draw, to the other vanishing point, L , the line fg , which completes the frustum.

Ex. 12.—To find the representation of a cone, *fig. 4*.

Find the representation of the base, as in the example (*fig. 6, pl. V.*); and the representation of the vertex, as (in *Example 10*). Then join om and on , which complete the picture of the cone.

Ex. 13.—*Fig. 5, plate VI*, is a representation of a wall, with a semi-octagon tower projecting from it. Towers of this kind are very common in Gothic buildings.

Ex. 14.—*Fig. 6* shows an example of a round tower joining a straight wall.

These two examples may be considered as exercises of the application of the rules already given.

Ex. 15.—To find the representation of a flight of returning steps. (*Fig. 1, plate VII.*)

Produce the lines that form the boundary, and the lines that divide the steps on the plan to their intersecting points, e, f, g , and find the vanishing points of these lines. From the points e, f, g , draw perpendiculars to the intersecting lines. On each of these perpendiculars set the respective heights of the steps, and draw lines from the extremities of each to the vanishing point.

Find the termination of each face by the perpendicular lines, as seen in the figure, and also the vanishing point of the other side. Draw lines to this point from the corners of the faces, which lines will represent the heights. Find the terminations of these faces; then the returning lines being drawn to each vanishing point, will complete the representation of the steps as required.

Ex. 16.—*Fig. 2* is the representation of a flight of steps, with kirbs at the ends. The perspective heights are found, by finding a section of the steps on the plane of the picture, and the lengths are found by the directing point D .

Ex. 17.—*Fig. 3* is the representation of a square tower. The first thing to be done is to find a section of the face, as shown by a dark line. Set the heights of the door and windows upon this line, and draw lines from all the points of the section to the vanishing points of that side of the plan. By this mean, all the projecting

parts, as cornice and plinth, will be found. Then, having found the perspective breadth of the front, the terminations of the cornice, and breadth of the windows, the front will be finished.

The return end will be found in a similar manner to the last two examples.

Ex. 18.—To find the representation of a tower and spire.

Our first object is to find the representation of the rectangular part, and on this draw the perpendicular lines that represent the angles of the octagon. Produce DA, (*fig. 4.*) on the plan, to L, its intersecting point. Draw LU perpendicular to IN. Set off the height of the tower and pediment on LU. Draw lines from these heights to the vanishing point V. As the vertex of the pyramid is not in the same plane with the front, draw YP through the centre of the plan, parallel to the front line AD, meeting IN in P. Draw PR perpendicular to IN. Set the height of the spire from the ground on PR, and draw RV. Draw a line from Y to D, meeting IN; and, from the point of meeting, draw a perpendicular to the intersecting line, and the point where it meets RV is the vertex of the pyramid.

The sides of the spire are found by drawing lines from points in the lines, *ad, ad*, which represent the angles on the plan.

Ex. 19.—*Fig. 5* represents an arcade, or range of arches. The pillars are drawn, like as many square towers, of a certain height. The arches are found by circumscribing a rectangle on each, drawing the diagonals, and making the heights of the points, *r, q, m, l*, double the heights of the arches; then drawing lines to each of these points, from the chord line of each arch, to cut the diagonals. The elliptic heads will pass through these points, and through the points where the perpendiculars meet the top side of the representation of the rectangle.

The circular heads of the inner face are drawn in the same way. The cornice and plinth are drawn as in the square tower, *figure 3.*

Ex. 20.—*Fig. 6* exhibits the representation of a square tower, consisting of different stages. Of this nothing can be said more than what has already been explained, and what will be understood by the lines in the drawing.

Ex. 21.—*Plate VIII* shows the representation of a denticulated cornice. The profiles of the mouldings, in the representation, are found by means of the section, in dark lines, and the terminations, or lengths, are found as in the preceding examples. In this example the plan is above the representation; an arrangement

which shows the relations of the lines in a more evident manner, and which, in some cases, is more convenient than placing it below.

Ex. 22.—Plate IX exhibits the representation of a house, with a cantiliver cornice.

The heights of the mouldings and pediment are found from the line of heights, which is the intersection of a plane passing through the ridge of the roof: the heights of the steps may also be found from the same. The vertical lines which terminate the fronts, the breadth of the windows, and the chimney shaft, may be found from the plan, which is placed above the perspective drawing for the convenience of drawing the perpendiculars, from the intersecting line, AD, to the several terminations of the representation.

Through the oblique lines of the pediment may be drawn the two ends of each inclined cornice. They will, however, be more elegantly found by means of Problem 14.

Ex. 23.—Plate, Perspective Grecian Doric. This plate is a representation of the Grecian Doric capital and entablature in perspective, with a geometrical outline of the mouldings. It illustrates the use of perspective, in showing the manner of finishing the parts of this chaste and simple order, in a case where it is difficult to render it intelligible by geometrical drawings alone. A good perspective representation has nearly the same advantages as a model in such cases.

Ex. 24.—Plate, Ionic Capital in Perspective. This is another example of the use of perspective in elucidating the disposition of parts, which are often not clearly understood by those who have not an opportunity of examining good specimens of the orders.

Ex. 25.—Plate, Corinthian Order. It is evident from the principles of Perspective, that there is only one point from whence a picture can be seen in its true form, and that point is the point of sight. (*Def. 3.*) If the point of sight be made too near to the plane of the picture, the eye cannot take in all its parts at once; and, consequently, the picture cannot produce an agreeable effect as a whole. The representation is also distorted and unnatural, from the parts diminishing too rapidly. The distance of the point of sight, from the plane of the picture, which is best suited to the power of the eye, is between two and three times the breadth of the picture. The distance most commonly adopted by artists of taste, is about two and a half times the breadth.

PROJECTION.

THE most useful kinds of architectural drawing depend upon the Theory of Projection, and, consequently, its principles ought to form a part of that stock of knowledge which is essential to a student in architecture.

Some of the principles of projection are so easily comprehended, that they are acted upon without previous study; others are so difficult, that few are competent to apply them. For example, the plan of a building is a projection of it on a horizontal plane; and an elevation of a building is its projection on a vertical plane. In these simple operations no difficulties occur; but there are many cases which arise in carpentry, joinery, and masonry, where a profound experience in projection is required.

To a workman, skill in projection is a great acquisition; it enables him to form a clear conception of intricate forms, and to foresee how different parts will join or connect with each other. It enables him to understand drawings and designs with readiness, and to work to them with certainty and accuracy.

The doctrine of shadows depends on the principles of projection, and the advantage of knowing how to shadow properly is so evident that we need not say more on the subject.

But there is another application of the art of projection which is less generally understood, that is, as a mode of representing such objects as are always caricatured in attempting to draw them in perspective. To this class of objects belong all *small* models, machines, pieces of furniture, and the like; for such objects, projection is the most simple and convenient mode of representation.

Maps and plans, of various kinds, are drawn by the rules of Projection; and the use of these rules is extensive in many arts and sciences. We shall, however, confine ourselves to its principles and application to architectural subjects.

DEFINITIONS.

1.—If a perpendicular be let fall from a point to a plane, the place where the perpendicular meets that plane is the *projection* of that point.

Hence, as lines, surfaces, and solids, may be conceived to be composed of points, they may be projected upon a plane.

2.—A *plane of projection* is that plane on which the projection is to be made. It is also called the plane of representation.

3.—When a projection is made on a horizontal plane, it is called the *plan* of the object.

4.—When the projection is made on a vertical plane, it is called the *elevation* of the object.

5.—When the projection exhibits an object, as it would appear if cut by a vertical plane, the representation is called a *section*.

6.—A *primitive plane* is that which contains a point, a line, or a plane surface, of a given object.

PROPOSITION.

The projection of a straight line is a straight line. If the given straight line be parallel to the plane of projection, it is projected into an equal straight line; but, if the given line be inclined to the plane of projection, the given straight line will be to its projection, as the radius is to the co-sine of the angle of inclination.

Solution.—Let a plane, perpendicular to the plane of projection, pass through the given straight line. The intersection of that plane, with the plane of projection, will be a straight line, (*Euclid*, 3 *prop.*, XI *book*,) and (*Def.* 1,) the intersection contains the projection of the given line.

From each extremity of the given line, AB, (*fig.* 1, *pl.* I,) let fall a perpendicular to the intersecting line, IL; then, the part of that line, intercepted between the perpendiculars Aa, Bb, is the projection of the given line. If the given line be parallel to the plane of projection, then, because the perpendiculars are parallel to each other, and the given line parallel to the intersecting line, the projection must be equal to the given line. If the given line be inclined to the plane of projection, and AB, (*fig.* 1,) be that line, IL the intersecting line, and ab the projection intercepted between the perpendiculars Aa and Bb. Draw BC pa-

parallel to IL, and the angle ABC will be equal to the angle of inclination of the given line to the plane of projection. Now AB being the radius, BC, or its equal, ba , is the co-sine of the angle of inclination; therefore AB is to ab as the radius is to the co-sine of inclination.

COR. 1.—The projection of a straight line, perpendicular to the plane of projection, is a point.

COR. 2.—If several straight lines, having the same inclination to the plane of projection, be projected, each of the originals will have to its projection the same ratio.

COR. 3.—A plane angle, parallel to the plane of projection, is projected into an equal plane angle.

COR. 4.—A plane angle, inclined to the plane of projection, is projected into an angle of which the sine is reduced in the ratio of the radius to the co-sine of inclination.

COR. 5.—Lines which are parallel in the original are parallel in the projection.

COR. 6.—Any plane figure, parallel to the plane of projection, is projected into an equal and similar figure.

COR. 7.—The area of any plane figure is to the area of its projection, as the radius is to the co-sine of its inclination to the plane of projection.

COR. 8.—The projection of a circle inclined to the plane of projection is an ellipse, of which the transverse diameter is equal to the diameter of the circle; and the conjugate diameter is to the diameter of the circle, as the co-sine of inclination is to the radius.

PROBLEMS.

PROBLEM 1.—To find the projection of a point, situate in a plane inclined to the plane of projection in a given angle.

Let IL, (*fig. 2*) be the intersecting line of the two planes, and A the given point. From A draw Aa perpendicular to IL. Make wVa equal to the angle of inclination of the two planes, and Vw equal to VA. From w draw a line parallel to IL, intersecting Aa in a ; then a is the projection of the point A.

Illustration.—Conceive DLIC to be the plane of projection, and LEFI the plane, containing the point A; and that these planes turn on the line IL as an axis. Also, let the triangle Vaw turn on the line aV , as an axis, till it be perpendicular to the plane of projection DI, and turn the plane EI on IL, as an axis, till AV coincides with wV ; then aw is obviously a perpendicular from the plane of projection to the given point; and therefore a is the projection of A.

Remark.—It is often necessary in practice to make all the projections of an object on the same sheet of paper, or on the same area; therefore, we conceive all the planes to be spread out, or laid flat in one and the same plane; and, when we wish to consider them in their true positions, we imagine them to revolve on their intersecting lines as axes. It is for this reason that Monge, a celebrated French author on this subject, very properly recommends that the intersecting lines should be drawn in a distinct manner.

PROBLEM 2.—To find the projection of a line situate in a plane, inclined to the plane of projection in a given angle.

Let IL (*figures 3 and 4,*) be the intersecting line of the two planes, and AB the given line. From the extremities of AB draw Aa and Bb, perpendicular to IL. Make bVw equal to the angle formed by the planes, and find the projection of the point B, (as in *Problem 1.*) Then, if the line be inclined to the intersecting line, (as in *fig. 3,*) produce AB, till it meets the intersecting line IL, in L. Join Lb, and ab will be the projection of AB.

If the given line be parallel to IL, (as in *fig 4,*) from b, found as before, draw a line, parallel to IL, meeting Aa in a, and ab is the projection of AB.

PROBLEM 3.—To find the projection of a plane curve, situate in a plane, which is inclined to the plane of projection in a given angle.

Let IL (*fig. 5*) be the intersecting line of the two planes, and ABCD points in the curve, the number of which may be increased at pleasure. Draw a line ACL, to touch the curve at C; and find the projection of this line, and of the points G, H, where it is crossed by lines drawn from D and B to V. Draw Dd, Cc, and Bb, perpendicular to IL; and from V draw hV, gV, produced to meet the perpendiculars in d and b; then the points a, b, c, d, are the projections of the points A, B, C, D, in the curve; and a curve drawn through abcd will be the projection required.

Another Method.—Let IG, (*fig. 2, plate II,*) be a line drawn in the same plane with the curve, and let HI be the projection of that line, found by *Prob. 2.* From any point, A, in the curve, draw a line parallel to IL, cutting it in k. Make kn and Aa perpendicular to IL, the former meeting HI in n. From n draw a line parallel to IL; and the point a, where it meets Aa, is the projection of the point A. The projections of any other points, B, C, D, E, being found in the same manner, the curve drawn through them will be the projection of the given curve.

PROBLEM 4.—To find the projection of a plane angle situate in a plane, which is inclined to the plane of projection in a given angle.

Let IL (*fig. 6, plate I*.) be the intersecting line, and ABC the given angle. Determine the projections of the lines AB, AC, by *Prob. II.*; and the angle abc will be the projection of ABC.

The projection of a plane triangle is found in the same manner, being completed by joining the points bc , as shown by dotted lines in the figure.

The projection of a parallelogram is also effected in a similar manner. For let the angle ABC, (*fig. 7*.) be projected by the last problem; and draw ad parallel to bc , and dc parallel to ab ; then $abcd$ is the projection of the parallelogram ABCD.

PROBLEM 5.—To find the projection of a pentagon, situate in a plane which is inclined to the plane of projection in a given angle.

Let the pentagon ABCDE, (*fig. 8*.) be described by Problem 13, of *Practical Geometry*, and project the side AE by Problem II. Produce ED, AD, BD, and BC, to the intersecting line; and from the points of intersection to a , draw ac and ad ; also, from the points of intersection, draw db parallel to ea , ed parallel to ac , and bc parallel to ad . Join ab ; and the figure, $abcde$, is the projection of the pentagon ABCDE.

PROBLEM 6.—To find the projection of a circle.

Let IL (*fig. 1, plate II*.) be the intersecting line, and HI the projection of any line, GI. Perpendicular to IL draw lines, $Aa Dd$, &c. from as many points in the circle as may be considered sufficient; and from the same points draw lines parallel to IL, to meet the line GI. From the points where these parallels meet GI, draw lines perpendicular to IL to meet IH; and parallels to IL, drawn from the points of intersection, in IH, will meet the perpendiculars Aa, Dd , &c., in the points a, d, b , &c. in the projection, corresponding to the points ADB, &c. in the circle.

Since the projection of a circle is an ellipse, (*Cor. 8*.) it will be sufficient to find the projection of the diameters, AC and BE; and on these diameters describe an ellipse by any of the methods given in our *Practical Geometry*. (See *Prob. D*, p. 71.)

PROBLEM 7.—To find the projection of a line perpendicular to a plane, of which the position is given.

Let IL be the intersecting line, (*fig. 9, plate I*.) and A the point in the given plane, to which the line is perpendicular. Draw Ab perpendicular to IL, and make aVw equal to the angle the given plane makes with the plane of projection;

also make Vw equal AV . Let BD , drawn perpendicular to Vw , be the given line; and from B and D draw lines parallel to IL , cutting Ab in the points b and d ; then bd is the projection of the line BD .

PROBLEM 8.—To determine the projection of a line, which is inclined in a given angle, to a plane, of which the position is given.

Let AB (*fig. 10.*) be the given line, and BAC its inclination to the primitive plane. Make BC perpendicular to AC , and AC is its projection on the primitive plane. Let cVw be the angle, which the primitive plane makes with the plane of projection, and find the projection of the line AC , by Problem II. Make wx perpendicular to wV , and equal to BC ; and from x draw a line parallel to IL , meeting the perpendicular to Cb in b . Join ab , and it is the projection of AB .

PROBLEM 9.—To determine the projection of a triangular pyramid, (*fig. 11.*)

Let the pyramid stand upon a plane, which is inclined to the plane of projection, in the angle oVw , and let xy be its perpendicular height, and ABC the plan of its base. Project the plan of the base, by Problem 4, and draw Dd perpendicular to IL . From x draw a line parallel to IL , cutting Dd in d ; then d is the projection of the vertex of the pyramid: and join dc , da , and db , and it completes the projection of the pyramid.

PROBLEM 10.—To determine the projection of a rectangular prism, (*figs. 3 and 4.*)

Figure 3 supposes the primitive plane to coincide with the upper end of the prism; and *fig. 4* supposes the primitive plane to coincide with the base of the prism; but the process is the same in both cases.

Let $ABCD$ represent the end of the prism which is given, and find its projection, $abcd$, by Problem 4. Also, find the projection by , of the angle or arris of the prism, by Problem 7, XY being the height. From the point y , draw lines parallel to bc and ba , and complete the parallelogram $yxwv$, in *fig. 3*.

PROBLEM 11.—To determine the projection of an oblique prism, (*fig. 5.*)

Let EGH be the inclination of the arris of the prism to its base, and BF the projection of that arris on the primitive plane. Find the projection of the base, $ABCD$, by Problem 4, and the projection of the arris by Problem 8, and complete the representation, as in the last Problem.

PROBLEM 12.—To determine the projection of a right cylinder, (*fig. 6.*)

Find the projection of the base by Problem 6, and the projection of its altitude by Problem 7, as indicated by the figure.

SHADOWS.

THE Theory of Shadows is founded on the supposition that light is propagated in straight lines. This supposition is not strictly true; but it does not sensibly differ from the truth in any case where we have occasion to apply it in finding shadows.

As shadows from artificial lights are seldom introduced in architectural drawings, we propose to confine our rules to those produced by the sun; and the sun's rays may be considered parallel to one another in consequence of its immense distance, compared with the distances of any objects on the earth's surface.

DEFINITIONS.

1.—Those parts of a body which receive the direct rays of the sun are said to be in *light*.

2.—Those parts of a body which do not receive the direct rays of the sun are said to be in *shade*.

3.—That part of a surface which is deprived of light, by another body intercepting the sun's rays, is said to be in *shadow*.

The doctrine of shadows has two objects, *viz.*—to determine the boundary of light and shade, and to find the form of the shadow. In architectural drawings, the breadth of a shadow is usually made equal to the depth of the projection which produces it; and an adherence to this simple rule has several advantages, besides its convenience in application; for, when it is attended to, the real quantities of projection or recession are shown by a shadowed elevation, rendering it at once ornamental and useful.

But though the shadows are equal to the projections, and the drawing is said to be shadowed at an angle of 45° , the inclination of the sun's rays to the plane of the horizon is only $35^\circ 16'$;* and it is the projection of the direction of the sun's rays against the vertical plane which make an angle of 45° with the horizon.

* For the radius is to the tangent of the sun's inclination as $\sqrt{2} : 1$. Hence, the radius being made unity, the tangent is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$; and its logarithm 0.849485, which corresponds, nearly, to the tangent of $35^\circ 16'$.

EXAMPLES.

Ex. 1.—To find the shadow of a small rod projecting at right angles, from a vertical plane.

Let *b* (*fig. 1, plate IV, Shadows,*) be the point in the plane from which the rod projects, and *aA* its plan; *ZX* being the base line, or intersecting line of the plan and vertical plane.

From *A*, draw *Ac* in the direction of the sun's rays, (which is 45° in these Examples,) and raise the indefinite perpendicular *cd*. From *b* draw *bd*, in the projected direction of the sun's rays, (which is also 45° in these Examples,) intersecting *cd* in *d*; then *bd* will be the shadow of the rod.

Ex. 2.—To find the shadow of a vertical plane, situate at right angles to the vertical plane on which it forms the shadow.

Let *AB*, (*fig. 2,*) be the plan of the plane, and *ab* its elevation. Draw *Bc*, *Ad*, in the direction of the sun's rays; and from *c* and *d* raise vertical lines. From *b* draw a line in the projected direction of the rays, cutting the vertical lines in *e* and *f*; and *cefd* will be the boundary of the shadow against the vertical plane.

Ex. 3.—To determine the shadow which a rectangular plane will form against a wall, when the plane is inclined to the wall.

Let *AB*, (*fig. 3,*) be the plan of the plane, and *aahb* its elevation. Draw *Ac*, *Bd*, parallel to the direction of the sun's rays, and raise vertical lines from *c* and *d*. From *a* and *h* draw lines parallel to the projected direction of the rays, cutting the vertical lines in *e*, *f*. Join *ef*, and *cefd* is the boundary of the shadow on the wall.

Ex. 4.—To find the shadow projected, by a square pillar, against a wall.

From *A*, *B*, and *C*, on the plan of the pillar, draw lines, parallel to the direction of the sun's rays, to the base line; and from the points thus found, in the base line, raise vertical lines. Draw lines parallel to the projected direction of the sun's rays from the points *g*, *h*, in the elevation, meeting the vertical lines in *n*, *m*, and *s*. Join *nm* and *ms*, which determine the boundary of the shadow.

The shadow of a triangular prism, (*fig. 5,*) is found by the same process, as will be obvious from the lines on the figure.

Ex. 5.—To find the shadow, projected against a wall, by a square pillar, with a square abacus or cap, and also the shadow of the cap against the pillar, (*fig. 6.*)

Draw lines, parallel to the direction of the sun's rays, to the base line, from the points *A*, *D*, and *C*, in the plan of the cap; and from the points *E*, *H*, in the plan

of the pillar, extending the lines which pass through the points H and E, till they meet the plan of the cap. From each of the points thus found in the base line, draw indefinite vertical lines. Draw a vertical line from the point L, and also from the one adjoining E, to meet the under edge of the cap.

From these points in the under edge of the cap, and from the angles a, d, e, r , draw lines parallel to the projected direction of the sun's rays, which will meet the verticals in the points m, p, o , &c. Join these points, and the boundary of the shadow against the wall will be obtained.

From the point where the projected direction of the rays, from the under edge of the cap, cuts the angle e of the pillar, draw a line parallel to the edge of the cap, then join the point where this parallel meets the angle f , with the point where the ray, from the part of the under edge of the cap, corresponding to L on the plan, meets the angle h , and the boundary of the shadow of the cap will be determined.

Figure 7 shows the lines for projecting the shadow of a horizontal cross, resting upon a square pillar; and *fig. 8* exhibits the shadows of an entablature, supported by four square pillars.

Ex. 6.—To determine the shadow which a cylindrical abacus or cap, casts upon its column; and also the shadow projected against a wall by the column and cap, *fig. 9*.

Let a line, perpendicular to the direction of the sun's rays, be drawn through the centre of the column on the plan; then, if vertical lines be drawn from the points where this perpendicular cuts the outlines of the column and cap, such vertical lines will determine the boundaries of light and shade; and, on the light side of these boundaries, the form of the shadow will be determined by the under edge of the cap; and on the shade side by the upper edge of the cap.

To find the shadow of any point, E, of the edge of the cap against the column, draw EG parallel to the direction of the sun's rays, and draw a vertical line from E, to meet the under edge of the cap; and one from G, upon the surface of the column. (This line is omitted in the figure.) Then, from where the vertical from E meets the edge of the cap, draw a line parallel to the projected direction of the rays to meet the vertical from G, in the point g , and g will be in the boundary of the shadow. In the same manner, several points in the boundary may be determined, and the line of shadow drawn through them.

Again, to find any point in the boundary of the shadow against the wall, as for example, the point C, draw Cd parallel to the direction of the light; and from d

draw an indefinite vertical line. Since C is on the shade side, the shadow will be cast by the upper edge of the cap; therefore, draw a vertical line from C, meeting the upper edge in *c*; and from *c* draw a line parallel to the projected direction of the rays of light, meeting the vertical from *d* in the point *e*; then *e* is in the boundary of the shadow, and any other points may be found in the same manner.

The shadow projected by a square cap upon an octagon pillar is shown by *fig. 10*; also the shadow formed on a wall by the pillar and its cap.

Figure 11 exhibits the shadow cast by a square abacus on a column, and the shadow they form on a wall. In both these figures the shadows are determined, as in the preceding examples.

Ex. 7.—*Fig. 1, plate III*, represents the shadow projected against a wall by a balcony, with its cantalivers.

ABCD is the plan, and *ab* the elevation of the balcony, and IL the base line. From the points A, K, E, and F, draw lines parallel to the direction of the rays of light to intersect the base line, and raise indefinite perpendiculars from each of the points of intersection. Also, from the points *a, k, e, f, g*, and *h*, in the elevation, draw lines parallel to the projected direction of the rays of light, meeting the indefinite perpendiculars in the points *m, n, o, p*. Draw *ns* and *op* parallel to the base line; and when the shadow *qr* of the other cantaliver is found, by the same method as the one which is described, the boundary of the shadow on the wall will be determined.

The shadow against the end of the cantaliver is found by drawing FG parallel to the rays of light; and the ray, from the corresponding point *g*, in the elevation, meets the arris, *f*, of the cantaliver, in the boundary of the shadow, which is parallel to the edge *kh* of the balcony.

Ex. 8.—*Figure 2* shows the shadows projected by a pedestal upon a flight of steps, both in plan and elevation.

A is the elevation, and B the plan of the flight of steps. From the points C on the plan, and *c* in the elevation, draw lines parallel to the direction of the rays of light, intersecting the lines of the steps in *f, e, d*, and E, D. The vertical dotted lines from these points determine the boundary of shadow on the plan, and on the elevation, as will be evident from the figure.

Ex. 9.—*Figure 3* represents the shadow projected by a pediment against a wall.

IL is the base line, with the plan of the pediment below it, and the elevation

above it. It will be obvious that the shadows of the arrises of the pediment, which meet in the point h , are bounded by lines parallel to those arrises meeting in n ; but when the projection of the upper members of the cornice is such that the arris hs is in shadow, the shadow of the under edge of the fillet g must be found, which is mr in this example. The other parts of this example being similar to the preceding ones, it is unnecessary to repeat the construction.

Ex. 10.—To find the shadow of a rectangular niche, with a semi-circular head.

ABCD (*fig. 5*.) is a plan of the niche, and ad its elevation. Find the shadow m of the point e , the centre of the arch; and from m , as a centre, describe the arc op , with the same radius as the arch. The rest of the process is evident from the figure.

Ex. 11.—In a portion of a pilaster, to find the shadow of the flutes in plan and elevation.

From the centre O , (*fig. 4*.) draw OG perpendicular to the direction of the rays of light, then OG is the line of light and shade, and the vertical Gg gives the point g , from whence the shadow in the elevation commences; and the shadows of the points, a, d, e, f , may be found in this manner, taking the point e for example.

Draw Ei and ek parallel to the directions of the rays; and from i draw the vertical ik , meeting ek in k ; then k is the shadow of the point e .

The shadow of the arris ah , is a portion of an ellipse cm ; for the section through AC , in the plane of the arris, is a circle, and its projection is an ellipse, of which ch is the conjugate, and AC the transverse diameter; and if the ellipse be described on its conjugate ch , the line hm , parallel to the direction of the light, will cut the ellipse in the point where the shadow quits it. If cn be drawn perpendicular to the direction of the rays, n is the termination of the shadow; and it may be shown that the shadow mn , of the arc hn , is also a portion of an ellipse; but a more general method is somewhat easier in practice, besides being applicable to any species of curve.

Let the shadow of any point, v , be required; q being the corresponding point on the plan. Draw qt parallel to the rays of light; and let tsr be a section through tq ; which, in this example, is an arc of a circle, of which w is the centre. From r , draw rs , to make an angle of $35^{\circ} 16'$ with qt ; then a perpendicular, from the point s to qt , gives the point x , through which the shadow passes on the plan; and if a line be drawn from v , parallel to the direction of the rays of light,

the point, where a vertical line from x meets that line, will be in the boundary of the shadow in the elevation.

Ex. 12.—*Figure 6* represents the shadow thrown against the back of a circular niche by its arris.

ABC is the plan, and acb the elevation of the niche, and d the centre. Draw $d6$ perpendicular to the direction of the rays of light, then the point 6 is the termination of the shadow. From each of the points, A, 1, 2, and 3, on the plan, draw lines to the back of the niche, in a direction parallel to the rays of light; and perpendiculars, from the points where they meet the back, will meet the directions of the rays from the corresponding points, a , 1, 2, 3, in the elevation, in the boundary of the shadow. To find the shadow of any other point, as 5, let fo be drawn parallel to the direction of the light, and fr perpendicular to fo , passing through the centre D; and $5m$ parallel to fr . From the point f describe the arc om ; and make mn inclined to of , in an angle of $35^{\circ} 16'$. Draw np parallel to fr , and the vertical, from the point p , will meet the direction of the light, from the point 5 in the elevation, in the boundary of the shadow. Any other points in its boundary may be found in the same manner.

The shadows on the sections of domes, groins, and the like, are easily found by the same methods.

Figure 7 shows the shadow on the section of a circular room, with a level ceiling.

Having shown the methods of finding the shadows produced by the direct rays of the sun, the management of shadows, cast by reflected light on the parts of bodies in shade, will easily be obtained. The light must be considered to proceed from the reflecting surface, and the depth of shadow should be in proportion to the quantity of light it reflects. The direction of the reflected light may be determined from the well-known optical principle, that whatever angle the sun's rays make with the reflecting plane, they will be reflected in an equal angle from the plane in the opposite direction. Hence the shadows, from reflected light, are usually the reverse of the shadows produced by the direct rays of the sun; that is, if the one be cast downward the other will be cast upward.

We shall close this part of our subject with recommending the student to study from nature. His knowledge of the geometrical description of shadows will aid him in his researches, and nature will offer him new examples to exercise his skill in geometry.

APPENDIX.—DECIMAL ARITHMETIC, &c.

DECIMAL FRACTIONS.

At what time, or by whose ingenuity, Decimal Arithmetic was first introduced, is a subject quite unknown; but the perfection which it has now attained is, doubtless, owing to modern times.

In Decimal Fractions, the integer or unit, (whether it be a unit of time, of weight, or of measure,) is supposed to be divided into ten equal parts; and each of those parts is again supposed to be sub-divided into ten equal parts, and so on to infinity, according to the powers of ten.

The integer thus divided is to be considered as the numerator of a fraction, while 10, and its successive powers, compose the denominator. Thus $\frac{7}{10}$, $\frac{7}{100}$, $\frac{7}{1000}$, $\frac{7}{10000}$, &c. to infinity.

But, in dividing by one with any number of cyphers annexed, it is usual to cut off from the dividend as many places towards the right as there are cyphers in the divisor; therefore, since the denominator of a decimal fraction is always one with some determinate number of cyphers annexed, it may be rejected in every case, and a point or period used in place of it: thus, $\frac{7}{10}$ may be denoted by $\cdot 7$, and $\frac{7}{100}$ by $\cdot 07$. Hence it appears, that cyphers placed to the left of a decimal fraction, decrease its value exactly in the same proportion that cyphers placed to the right of whole numbers increase their value; that is, in a proportion rising by the successive powers of 10.

The following Table will exhibit the relation between the integral and fractional scales.

Whole Numbers.					Decimal Fractions.					
Tens of Thousands ...	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Units place	Parts of Ten, or $\frac{1}{10}$...	Parts of a Hundred...	Parts of a Thousand..	Parts of Ten Thousand	Parts of 100 Thousand	Parts of a Million
5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6

From this it appears that Decimal Fractions are really more like whole numbers than Vulgar Fractions are; and the various processes to be performed on them are precisely the same, the place of the point, or period, that marks the fraction being the only difference to be attended to.

ADDITION OF DECIMALS.

RULE.—Place the numbers under each other, according to the value of their places. Find their sum, as in whole numbers, and point off as many places for decimals as are equal to the greatest number of decimal places in any of the given numbers.

EXAMPLES.—1. Find the sum of $25\cdot635 + 7\cdot0625 + 32\cdot125 + \cdot006325 + \cdot75 + 11\cdot010325$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 25\cdot635 \\
 7\cdot0625 \\
 32\cdot125 \\
 \cdot006325 \\
 \cdot75 \\
 11\cdot010325 \\
 \hline
 76\cdot589150
 \end{array}$$

Where the cypher on the right-hand side of the decimal may be omitted, as it does not alter the value of the fraction.

- 2.—Find the sum of $376.25 + 86.125 + 637.4725 + 6.5 + 358.865 + 41.02$.—*Ans.* 1506.2325.
 3.—Find the sum of $3.5 + 47.25 + 927.01 + 2.0073 + 1.5$.—*Ans.* 981.2673.
 4.—Find the sum of $276 + 54.321 + .65 + 112 + 1.25 + .0463$.—*Ans.* 444.2673.

SUBTRACTION OF DECIMALS.

RULE.—Subtract, as in whole numbers, and mark off the decimals, as in Addition.

EXAMPLES.—1. Find the difference between 2464.21 and 327.07643.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2464.21 \\ 327.07643 \\ \hline 2137.13357 \end{array}$$

- 2.—Find the difference between 127.62 and 13.725.—*Ans.* 113.895.
 3.—Find the difference between 603.5725 and 32.0012.—*Ans.* 571.5713.
 4.—Find the difference between .65325 and .0735.—*Ans.* .57975.

MULTIPLICATION OF DECIMALS.

RULE.—Multiply as in whole numbers, and cut off as many decimal places from the product as are contained in both factors. If there be not so many places in the product as there are decimal places in both factors, the deficiency must be supplied by prefixing cyphers to the left-hand side of the product.

EXAMPLES.—1. Required the product of .325 and 32.5.

$$\begin{array}{r} 32.5 \\ .325 \\ \hline 1625 \\ 650 \\ 975 \\ \hline 10.5625 \end{array}$$

- 2.—Multiply .0379 by 33.75.—*Ans.* 1.265625.
 3.—Multiply .63478 by .8204.—*Ans.* .520773512.
 4.—Multiply .385746 by .00464.—*Ans.* .00178986144.

DIVISION OF DECIMALS.

RULE.—Divide as in whole numbers; and from the right-hand side of the quotient point off as many places for decimals, as the decimal places in the dividend exceed those of the divisor. If there are not so many places in the quotient, the deficiency must be supplied by prefixing cyphers to the left of the quotient.

If there be a remainder, cyphers may be annexed to the dividend, and the division continued.

EXAMPLES.—1. Divide 395.275 by 3.75.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.75 \overline{)395.275} \quad (105.406 \\ 375 \\ \hline 2027 \\ 1875 \\ \hline 1525 \\ 1500 \\ \hline 2500 \\ 2250 \\ \hline 250 \end{array}$$

Here the number 250 would recur at every step; hence the quotient figure would always be the same, and this kind of decimal is said to repeat. Whence the appellation of repeaters.

- 2.—Divide 234.70525 by 64.25.—*Ans.* 3.653.
 3.—Divide 217.568 by 1000.—*Ans.* .217568.
 4.—Divide .408408 by 52.—*Ans.* .007854.

REDUCTION OF DECIMALS.

CASE 1.—To reduce a vulgar fraction to a decimal of equal value.

RULE.—Multiply the numerator by 10, or its power, and divide by the denominator.

EXAMPLES.—1. Reduce $\frac{1}{2}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \overline{) 1.0} \\ \underline{.5} \end{array}$$

2.—Reduce $\frac{1}{4}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \overline{) 1.00} \\ \underline{.25} \end{array}$$

3.—Reduce $\frac{1}{5}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \overline{) 1.0} \\ \underline{.2} \end{array}$$

4.—Reduce $\frac{1}{8}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \overline{) 1.000} \\ \underline{.125} \end{array}$$

Note.—What number of cyphers more than one we have to annex before the division succeeds, so many cyphers must be placed on the left side of the first significant figure in the quotient.

EXAMPLES.—1. Reduce $\frac{1}{16}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 16 \overline{) 1.00} \quad (.0625) \\ \underline{96} \\ 40 \\ \underline{32} \\ 80 \\ \underline{80} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2.—Reduce $\frac{1}{256}$ to a decimal.

$$\begin{array}{r} 256 \overline{) 1.000} \quad (.00390625) \\ \underline{1.000} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Sometimes, in dividing, the same remainder successively arises, consequently the same figure must be successively obtained in the quotient; when this is the case, the decimal is called a repeater; when the repeater is not preceded by some figures that do not repeat, the decimal is called a pure repeater; but if one or more figures precede the common figure, it is a mixt repeater.

EXAMPLES.—1. Reduce $\frac{1}{3}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \overline{) 10} \\ \underline{9} \end{array}$$

.333, &c. a pure repeater.

2.—Reduce $\frac{1}{6}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \overline{) 1} \\ \underline{6} \end{array}$$

.166, &c. a mixt repeater.

It sometimes also happens, that a certain number of figures recur, in this case the decimal is called a circulating one.

EXAMPLES.—1. Reduce $\frac{1}{7}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \overline{) 1.000000} \\ \underline{.1428571} \end{array}$$

.1428571, &c. a circulating decimal.

2.—Reduce $\frac{1}{11}$ to a decimal fraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \overline{) 100} \quad (.0909, \&c. \text{ a circulate.}) \\ \underline{99} \end{array}$$

EXAMPLES.—1. What is the decimal value of $\frac{3}{8}$?—Ans. .375.

2.—What is the decimal value of $\frac{1}{25}$?—Ans. .04.

3.—Reduce $\frac{3}{125}$ to a decimal?—Ans. .024.

4.—Find the decimal value of $\frac{275}{3842}$?—Ans. .071577, &c.

CASE 2.—To reduce numbers of one denomination to decimals of another denomination retaining the same value.

RULE.—Reduce the integer to the same name with the given number, and divide the lesser by the greater, annexing cyphers to the dividend for the decimal.

EXAMPLES.—1. Reduce 9 shillings to the decimal of a pound.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 20 \\ \hline 20 \text{ shillings.} \\ \frac{9}{20} = \cdot 45 \text{ of a pound.} \end{array}$$

2.—Reduce 2 feet 6 inches to the decimal of a yard.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ ft. 6 in.} = 30 \text{ inches.} \\ 3 \times 12 = 36 \text{ inches.} \\ \frac{30}{36} = \frac{5}{6} = \cdot 833, \text{ \&c.} \end{array}$$

3.—Reduce 6 inches to the decimal of a foot.—*Ans.* $\cdot 5$.

4.—Reduce 9d. to the fraction of a shilling?—*Ans.* $\cdot 75$.

CASE 3.—To value any given decimal in terms of the integer.

RULE.—Multiply the decimal by the number of parts in the next less denomination, and cut off as many places for the right hand as there are places in the given decimal for a remainder.

Multiply this remainder by the number of parts in the next inferior denomination, and cut off the same number of places as before, and so on.

EXAMPLES.—1. What is the value of $\cdot 625$ of a shilling?

$$\begin{array}{r} \cdot 625 \\ 12 \\ \hline 7 \cdot 500 \\ 4 \\ \hline 2 \cdot 000 \end{array}$$

Hence, $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ is the equivalent of $\cdot 625$ of a shilling.

2.—What is the value of $\cdot 75$ feet?—*Ans.* 9 inches.

3.—What is the value of $\cdot 125$ feet?—*Ans.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

4.—What is the value of $\cdot 0375$ £?—*Ans.* 9d.

5.—What is the value of $\cdot 333$ feet?—*Ans.* 4 inches.

NOTE.—In those cases where repeaters occur, the steps are precisely the same as in finite decimals, only observing to carry for each 9 when operating on the first repeating figure.

DUODECIMAL ARITHMETIC.

As dimensions are generally taken in feet and inches, which are divided and subdivided by 12, and its powers, a peculiar kind of Arithmetic, adapted to subdivision by 12, is used by Artificers in computing the contents of their work; it is called Duodecimals, or Cross Multiplication.

To Multiply Feet, Inches, &c. by Feet, Inches, &c.

RULE.—Under the multiplicand, write the corresponding denominations of the multiplier.

Multiply each term in the multiplicand, beginning at the lowest, by the feet in the multiplier, and write the result of each under its respective term, observing to carry an unit for every 12 from each denomination to that next superior.

In the same manner, multiply all the multiplicand by the inches in the multiplier, and set the respective results one place removed to the right of those in the multiplicand.

Do the same with the seconds, and other lower denominations, and the sum of all the partial products will be the answer.

EXAMPLES.—1.—Multiply 6 ft. 3 in. 9 sec. by 6 ft. 9 in. and 3 sec.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{ft. in. sec.} \\ 6 \quad 3 \quad 9 \\ 6 \quad 9 \quad 3 \\ \hline 37 \quad 10 \quad 6 \\ 4 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad 9 \\ \quad 1 \quad 6 \quad 11 \quad 3 \\ \hline 42 \quad 8 \quad 10 \quad 8 \quad 3 \end{array}$$

2.—A garden wall 254 feet long, 12 feet 7 inches high, and 3 bricks thick: how many rods are in it? *Ans.* 23 rods and 135 feet.

3.—A room is to be ceiled, whose length is 74 feet 9 inches, and width 11 feet 6 inches: what will it come to at 3s. $10\frac{1}{2}d.$ per yard?—*Ans.* £18. 10s. 1d.

4.—If a house measures, within the walls, 52 feet 8 inches in length, and 30 feet 6 inches in breadth, and the roof of true pitch, or the rafters three-fourths of the breadth of the house; what will it cost roofing, at 10s. 6d. per square?—*Ans.* £12. 12s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

INVOLUTION, OR THE RAISING OF POWERS.

A power is the product that arises by multiplying a number by itself as many times (wanting one) as there are units in the exponent of the power proposed.

EXAMPLES.—1. What is the fifth power of 7?

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 49 = \text{second power.} \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 343 = \text{third power.} \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 2401 = \text{fourth power.} \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 16807 = \text{fifth power.} \end{array}$$

2.—What is the third power of 35?—*Ans.* 42875.

3.—What is the fifth power of .015?—*Ans.* .000000000759375.

4.—What is the fourth power of 3.7?—*Ans.* 187.4161.

The first nine powers of the nine digits being arranged in a Table, are frequently found to be of considerable use in facilitating the computation of powers.

Table of the first Nine Powers of Numbers.

1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512
3	9	27	81	243	729	2187	6561	19683
4	16	64	256	1024	4096	16384	65536	262144
5	25	125	625	3125	15625	78125	390625	1953125
6	36	216	1296	7776	46656	279936	1679616	10077696
7	49	343	2401	16807	117649	823543	5764801	40353607
8	64	512	4096	32768	262144	2097152	16777216	134217728
9	81	729	6561	59049	531441	4782969	43046721	387420489

EVOLUTION, OR THE EXTRACTION OF ROOTS.

The root of any number or power, is such a number, as being multiplied into itself a certain number of times, will produce the power proposed.

Thus, 3 is the square root of 9, because $3 \times 3 = 9$; and 8 is the cube root of 512, because $8 \times 8 \times 8 = 512$.

The exact root of every number cannot be determined; but, by means of decimals, we may approximate to any degree of exactness required.

The roots thus approximated are called *Surd Roots*; and those which can be exactly found, are called *Rational Roots*.

To Extract the Square Root.

RULE.—Divide the given number into periods of two figures each, pointing towards the left in integers, but towards the right in decimals.

2. Required the square root of $\frac{16}{25}$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 29) 160 \text{ (} \cdot 5517241379, \text{ \&c.} \\
 \underline{145} \\
 150 \\
 \underline{145} \\
 5 \\
 \\
 7) \cdot 5517241379 \text{ (} \cdot 74278 \\
 \underline{49} \\
 144) 617 \\
 \underline{576} \\
 1482) 4124 \\
 \underline{2964} \\
 14847) 116013 \\
 \underline{103929} \\
 148548) \cdot 1208479 \\
 \underline{1188384} \\
 \cdot \cdot 20095
 \end{array}$$

3. What is the square root of $\frac{64}{81}$?—Ans. $\frac{8}{9}$.

4. What is the square root of $\frac{72}{49}$? = $\frac{6}{7}$.

To extract the Cube Root.

RULE.—Separate the given number into periods of three figures each, putting a point over every third figure from the place of units.

Find the greatest cube in the first period, and set its root on the right-hand of the given number, after the manner of a quotient figure in division.

Subtract the cube thus found from the said period, and to the remainder annex the next period, and call this the resolvend.

Under the resolvend put the triple root and its triple square, the latter being removed one place to the left, and call their sum the divisor.

Seek how often the divisor may be had in the dividend, exclusive of the place of units, and set the result in the quotient.

Under the divisor put the cube of the last quotient figure, the square of it multiplied by the triple root, and the triple of it by the square of the root, each removed one place to the left, and call their sum the subtrahend.

Subtract the subtrahend from the resolvend, and to the remainder bring down the next period for a new resolvend, with which proceed as before, and so on till the whole be finished.

NOTE.—Should there be a remainder after all the periods are brought down, the operation may be continued by annexing periods of cyphers, as in the square root.

EXAMPLES.—1. What is the cube root of 1953125?

$ \begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \underline{3} \\ \text{Divisor } 33 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1953125 \text{ (} 125 \text{ root.} \\ \underline{1} \\ 953 \text{ resolvend.} \\ \underline{8} \\ 12 \\ \underline{6} \\ 728 \text{ subtrahend.} \\ \underline{225125} \text{ resolvend.} \\ 125 = 5^3 \\ 900 = 5^2 \times 12 \times 3 \\ 2160 = 12^2 \times 3 \times 5 \\ \underline{225125} \end{array} $
$ \begin{array}{r} 12 \times 3 = 36 \\ 12^2 \times 3 = 432 \\ \text{Divisor } 4356 \end{array} $	

2. What is the cube root of 146708·483?—*Ans.* 52·74.
3. What is the cube root of ·0001357?—*Ans.* ·05138.
4. What is the cube root of $13\frac{2}{3}$?—*Ans.* 2·3908.
5. What is the cube root of 27054036008?—*Ans.* 3002.

We shall now give a few examples to exercise the reader in the application of the square and cube roots.

Given the hypotenuse and one leg of a right-angled triangle to find the other leg.

RULE.—Multiply the hypotenuse and leg each by itself, and the square root of the difference will be the length of the other leg. (This has been demonstrated in Theorem 62, *Geometry*.)

Or thus, multiply the sum of the hypotenuse and leg by the difference of the same, and the square root of the product will be the other leg.

Example.—The length of the rafters is 18 feet, and half the width of the house 12 feet, What is the perpendicular rise of the roof?

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \times 18 = 324 \\ 12 \times 12 = 144 \end{array}$$

$$\hline 180 \quad (13\cdot038 \text{ feet.})$$

$$1$$

$$23) \overline{80}$$

$$79$$

$$2603) \overline{10000}$$

$$7809$$

$$26068) \overline{219100}$$

$$208544$$

$$\hline 10556$$

Or thus,

$$18 + 12 = 30$$

$$18 - 12 = 6$$

$$\hline 180 \text{ the root of which is } 13\cdot038 \text{ feet.}$$

Given the two legs to find the hypotenuse.

RULE.—Multiply the two legs each by itself, and the square root of the sum will be the hypotenuse.

Example.—The perpendicular height of a roof is 13·038 feet, and the width of the house 24 feet; required the rafter?

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 = 12 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$$12 \times 12 = 144$$

$$13\cdot038 \times 13\cdot038 = 180$$

$$1) \overline{324} \quad (18 \text{ feet, the rafter sought.})$$

$$1$$

$$28) \overline{224}$$

$$224$$

1. The diameter of a globular stone is 12 inches, What must be the diameter of another that contains 6 times the matter?—*Ans.* 21·7, &c. inches.

RULE.—Cube the diameter and multiply by 6, and the cube root of the product is the answer.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS, SCALES, &c., INCLUDING THE CENTROLINEAD AND CYCLOGRAPH.

THE MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS, commonly included in a case, for the purpose of drawing, mostly consist of the *compasses*, with their appendages, the *steel drawing-pen*, the *pencil-holder*, with black-lead pencil, the *protractor*, or graduated semi-circle, the *plane-scales*, and *parallel-ruler*; to which are, at times, added other scales and implements, adapted to particular purposes, as in land-surveying, &c.

The use of the COMPASSES is too well known to require particular explanation. Of these there are, in the cases, two sorts; one with fixed steel points, and the other with one point fixed and the other point moveable. When the moveable point is taken off, there may be put in its place a steel drawing-pen point or a pencil-holder. The steel-pen point is put on the compasses, when it is intended therewith to describe circles, or arcs, in ink, which are to remain. Occult arcs, or such as are to be rubbed out again, are most conveniently described with the pencil-holder. The other steel-pen is used for drawing right lines from any given points, in any direction. An elucidation of the use of the compasses has been fully given under the head of PRACTICAL GEOMETRY, pages 62 to 70, &c.

The SCALE is so called from a Greek word, which signifies a wooden measure of length, and is a thin broad rule of wood, ivory, or brass, divided into different lines, of various names and use. The best and most useful scales, for architectural purposes, are represented on the plate entitled *Geometry, Plate I.*, of the exact size in which they are usually made.* The graduations in the plate have been made with such care, that we believe it may be relied on, for practice, by such as have not the instruments at hand.

In this plate, *figure 1* represents the PROTRACTOR or SEMI-CIRCLE, projected in form of a parallelogram, either for laying off or measuring angles, and numbered both from right to left, and from left to right, to 180 degrees.

Figure 2, exhibits the back of the same scale, and it contains six lines of *equal parts*, with a *Decimal Diagonal Scale*, for *plotting*, or *planning*. The first have sub-divisions both for decimals and inches; and the larger figures at the end of the lines show how many decimal parts are contained in one inch, as from 30 to 60. The *diagonal scale* is sub-divided to hundredth parts of one half and one quarter of an inch: its principle and use will be obvious on inspection; as it may be seen that the perpendiculars are divided into ten equal parts, and through the divisions parallel lines are drawn, of the whole length of the scale. Again, the length of the *first* division is divided both at top and bottom, into ten equal parts, and the points are connected by diagonal lines, so as to take off dimensions or numbers of two or more figures.

Examples.—If the largest divisions be taken as units, the *exterior* smaller divisions will be *tenth* parts, and the divisions in the height will be *hundredth* parts. If the larger divisions be taken as tens, the next smaller will be hundredths, and the smallest thousands, &c. Each set of divisions being tenth parts of the former ones.

To take the distance representing one and four tenths from the scale, (say the half-inch,) set one foot of the compasses on the upper line, to the larger division 1, and open the other leg to 4 in the subdivisions on the right. The extent will be the distance required.

To take a distance equal to 25, set, in like manner, one foot of the compasses on the larger division 2, and extend the other to the sub-division 5, which will be the distance.

* As this plate was given in the *second* edition of the first number, those who have not received it may obtain it on application to the publisher.

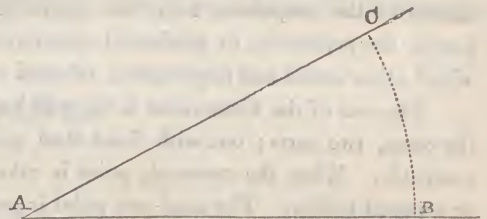
For 346, the larger divisions, being in this case taken as hundredths, set one leg in 3, upon the line marked 6 at the end, and extend the other to the diagonal 4, which will be the extent required.

And, conversely, may the length of any line be measured, relatively to another of a determinate length.

Figure 3 represents the face of another plotting scale, which contains *lines of chords*, of different radii; and *equal parts*, for feet and inches. The definition of a *chord* is given in Geometry, page 13, and the lines of this name are divided for the purpose of laying off and measuring angles, on the established principle that the radius or semi-diameter of a circle is equal to the side of a hexagon inscribed in the same circle; or, in other words, to the chord of 60 degrees. Hence, by taking the extent of the chord of 60° in the compasses, applying one foot to an angular point, and sweeping an arc with the other from leg to leg, (*produced*, if required,) the exact measure of the angle may be found.

Examples.—1. *To construct an angle at the point A, of the line AB, of any number of degrees, suppose 26.*

From the line of chords take in your compasses the extent to 60; and setting one foot in A, describe the arc CB: then take 26, the number proposed, from the same line of chords, in your compasses, and set it off from B to C. Join AC, and the angle BAC will contain 26 degrees, as required.



2. *To find the quantity of a given angle, as CAB.*—This is the converse of the preceding example: for, if you take in your compasses the line AB with the chord of 60, and describe the arc BC, it becomes evident that the distance BC will be the quantity of the angle BAC; which, measured on the line of chords, will show its quantity, or the number of degrees that it contains.

3. *To describe any regular polygon in a circle.*—First find the angle of the centre, which is done by dividing 360, the number of degrees in a circle, by the number of sides of which the proposed figure is to consist: then, from the centre, draw two radii in the angle given by the quotient, and the *chord* of the angle included between them will be the side of the polygon required. Thus may any regular polygon be described, the radius being always 60° .

Figure 4 represents the back of fig. 3, and contains another set of plotting scales, for half an inch, one quarter of an inch, three-eighths, and one-eighth, of an inch, to the foot, &c. and sub-divided diagonally for greater accuracy. The uses of these are too clear to require further explanation.

DESCRIPTION AND USE OF THE CENTROLINEAD.

THE CENTROLINEAD is an instrument used in Perspective, &c. and invented by Mr. Peter Nicholson, for drawing lines to an inaccessible or vanishing point. For this invention Mr. Nicholson was rewarded by the Society of Arts, in May, 1814, with the sum of twenty guineas; and, in 1815, for an improvement, the Centrolinead now in general use, with the silver medal.

Figure 1, of the plate entitled CENTROLINEAD, represents the instrument now in use. It is constructed with two legs, about a foot long, with a joint in the angle, similar to a carpenter's rule. The centre of the knuckle is pierced with a small hole, (*fig. 2*.) in which a pin is rivetted, in order to admit of a blade being fitted on it, for drawing lines to a point. The drawing edge of this blade is made to pass through the centre of the joint; and the blade, screwed to the two legs, may be fixed at any required angle. The edge of the blade and the edges of the two legs, all tend to the same point. The blade is made to reverse, so as to draw lines to either side of a building: the same legs will answer to blades of various lengths, as occasion may require. In complex drawings, it will be convenient to use a distinct centrolinead for each point, to prevent the trouble of frequently adjusting the instrument.

Figure 2 exhibits the instrument on a larger scale, with part of the legs and the blade broken off.

Figure 3.—The joint fixed to part of the legs. The figures No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, are the detail of figure 3.

Figure 4.—Brass fixed to the blade and legs, by means of three screws, so as to fasten them together, as represented in *figure 1*.

Figure 4, No. 1, edge of *figure 4*, with part of the edge of the blade fixed to the brass, by a screw, and two pins to steady it.

Figure 5 shows how a T-square may be made into a centrolinead, by fixing a piece in the form of a wedge to the stock of the square.

Figure 6.—A diagram, showing the figure where the points form for working the instrument on, when the legs of the instrument are at different angles, to draw to the same vanishing point.

MODE OF SETTING THE CENTROLINEAD, WITH SCREWS, BY MR. P. NICHOLSON.

(*Second Plate.*)

DRAW two lines tending to the vanishing point, or to the station point, which must be found by a problem: then put two pins in vertically, over each other, on each side of the line without the space, making the distances on each side of the line nearly the same. Press the two edges of the legs, which run to the centre of the joint, against the pins, and move them along till the edge of the blade, which passes through the centre of the joint, coincides with the line or crosses it; then loosen the screw that fastens the blade to the leg of the centrolinead, and press the legs gently against the pins till the blade coincides with the line: then fasten that screw, and loosen the other; next move the instrument down to the other line; and, if the same edge of the blade coincides with the line, fasten the screw, and the instrument is set: but if not, proceed, as above, till the edge of the blade coincides with the two lines; it generally requires three settings; the least number it can have is two, that is, one for each angle. The centrolinead may be clamped at once, in the manner following: Draw a line between the two given lines, so as to be terminated by them; set each of the angles of the centrolinead to each angle formed by the cross line; put a pin in each angular point, formed by the cross line, with each of the given lines; then placing the central edges of the legs upon the pins, one on each, draw lines by the central edge of the blade, and those lines will tend as accurately to the point as if they were drawn to it by a longer ruler.

METHOD of finding two Lines tending to the Station Point, and also of getting the Vanishing Point on your Plan.

Let *ABCD* (*fig. 1.*) be the size of your drawing board; *IJ* your intersecting line; and *HEFG* the plan of the remotest projections of the cornice of your building; making the line *EH*, produced to *e*, an angle of about 43 degrees with the intersecting line *IJ*. Then draw a line, *NM*, perpendicular to *IJ*; at one extremity of your paper set any equal distance, *ML* or *MK*, on each side of *M*, and make the distance *MN*, equal to 3 times the base of the triangle *KL*, or any other number, according to the distance at which you wish to view the object: then draw *EO* parallel to *LN*; and *GP* parallel to *KN*; and these are the two lines tending to the station point *W*, to set the centrolinead to, which falls a considerable way without the board.

To find the vanishing points, divide *OP* into two equal parts, at *Q*; divide *QO* into four equal parts, and draw *1S* perpendicular to *IJ*, to cut the line *EW*, at *S*; draw *ST* parallel to *IJ*, and *TQ* will be one fourth of the real distance *W*; then draw *TU* parallel to *HG*; and *TV* parallel to *EH*: then will *QU* and *QV* be each one fourth of the real vanishing points, which should be drawn from *W*, if it could be got within the board.

MANNER of transferring the points from your plan, or to your picture, in order to get the two lines tending to the vanishing points; and, also, Mr. M. A. Nicholson's method of setting the Centrolinead without screws, as shown in the Plate.

Figure 2. Draw your intersecting line LM , and then your vanishing line AB ; divide your paper into two equal parts at C ; draw any line CD perpendicular to AB ; set up any four equal parts, CE , a little higher than you intend your object to be; make CG equal to QV , and CH equal to QU on your plan, *fig. 1*. Draw GF and HI , perpendicular to AB ; make GF and HI each equal to three parts of CE ; join EF and EI , and these are the two lines tending to the real vanishing points, which should be drawn from the point W , to intersect the line IJ on the plan, *fig. 1*. Having found the two lines EF and EI , tending to the vanishing points, the next thing will be to set the centrolinead, which is done by fixing in a pin at f , a little below the intersecting line, then placing the blade of the instrument to the line FE , at the same time pressing the leg to the pin f : then draw a line on the side of the leg cd ; then move the blade to the vanishing line AB , making ab , coincide with AB ; at the same time pressing the leg ed to the pin f , as above; and drawing another line along the side of the leg cd , to intersect the former line ag ; then g is the point for fixing in another pin, and the instrument is set, and will draw all lines on the edge of the blade ab , between FE and AB , to a point, by pressing the legs dc , and de , against the pins g and f .

A Centrolinead constructed in this manner, without screws, will draw lines to various inclinations, excepting when the lines are at a very sharp pitch or a very flat one; then the angle of the legs should be made accordingly. I have found, in practice, that three instruments, constructed in this manner to different angles, are sufficient to draw any building, whether octagonal or rectilinear; as the angle under which we view the building, in general, is the same, in order to make an agreeable picture.*

DESCRIPTION AND USE OF THE CYCLOGRAPH.

THE CYCLOGRAPH is an instrument for drawing arcs of circles, and is very useful in drawing the mouldings of the top of Bridges, &c. *Fig. 1*, of the plate entitled CYCLOGRAPH, is a representation of the instrument, which is used by placing in a point, as at A and C , at the springing of the arch, and adjusting the point of the pin or pencil, which is inserted in a tube at B , to the top of the arch, by means of one of the largest screws to the right hand side of the joint.

Figure 1, No. 1, is a side view of *fig. 1*, representing the tube fixed in the joint.

Figure 2, exhibits the legs without the brass-work.

Figure 3, No. 1, the brass-work with the tube in the joint. No. 2, is a side view of *fig. 3*, No. 1.

Figure 4, No. 2, exhibits the joint when the pieces are separated. No. 1, and No. 3, sections of *fig. 4*, and No. 2.

Figure 5. Brass-piece for holding and adjusting the leg by means of a slit in the brass, struck from the centre of the joint, and fastened to the leg by a screw.

Figure 6. Section of the joint and tube to a larger scale, with the drawing pin in it, and fastened by means of a screw at the side of the tube.

* Those Gentlemen who wish for the instrument, made agreeably to the above setting, may be supplied by Mr. M. A. Nicholson, on application to the Publisher of this work.

ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLATES GIVEN IN THIS WORK.*

IN turning over our numerous ENGRAVINGS, the reader will perceive that they consist of SEVERAL DISTINCT SERIES; of which the first is regularly numbered, from PLATE I. to XCII. Next follow the plates entitled ORDERS, Plate I. to XXV., and succeeding these are four plates of ORNAMENTS, &c.

In succession are thirteen plates to illustrate PERSPECTIVE, PROJECTION, SHADOWS, and INSTRUMENTS: to which follow a series of PLANS and ELEVATIONS in forty-seven plates; including seven designs for SHOP-FRONTS, in three plates; four designs for WINDOWS, in two plates; and a beautiful design for a Grecian Chimney-Piece, on one plate.

The FIRST SERIES of plates [I. to XCII.] are regularly referred to in the Book, within the first 450 pages. The ORDERS, or Second Series, are treated on under the proper head, pages 451 to 517. PERSPECTIVE, PROJECTION, and SHADOWS, pages 518 to 550.

The plate of SCALES, *Geometry*, Pl. I., of the Second Edition, is described in pages 559, 560, and the plates of the CENTROLINEAD and CYCLOGRAPH in the succeeding pages.

The PLATES of ORNAMENTS, above mentioned, accompanying the plates of Orders, seem to require no particular description: yet it may be as well to notice that in Plate I, of Grecian Ornaments, *figure 1* represents the ornament between the bead and small projecting band of the top of the column of the Temple of *Minerva Polias*, at Athens. *Figure 2* is the ornament on the Cymatium of the door of the same temple, stretched out on a flat surface. *Figure 3* is the enriched moulding of the cap of the same temple, showing the finishing of the external angle. *Figure 4, Egg and Tongue*, with beads below, belonging to the same cap.

The SERIES of PLANS and ELEVATIONS are as follow: PLATES I to V., *First, Second, Third, and Fourth, Rate Houses*; which require no other description than that already given in this work. PLATE VI. is the Plan and Elevation of a SMALL COUNTRY VILLA. *Figure 1*, Elevation of the villa, with a pediment in front, and another in the back. The construction of the roof, from its great projection of cornice, and the beautiful shadows which is thrown from the cantalivers has always a pleasing effect. The extent of this villa in front may be 48 feet 6 inches; in the centre is a porch, with four columns, of the Ionic order, coupled, on each side of the entrance, with a regular entablature and pediment. The height of the columns, 10 feet 6 inches; the entablature, 2 feet 6 inches; and the pediment, 2 feet 3 inches. The entrance is 3 feet 10 inches, raised 2 feet 10 inches above the level of the ground; ascended by six steps, one of which is in the door-way. The windows on each side of the porch are 5 feet from the ground, 7 feet 9 inches high, 3 feet 8 inches wide, with horizontal rustics on each side, from the top of the plinth to the floor of the bed-chamber, above which are two bands, one of which the architraves of the chamber-floor windows stop against. The windows of the chamber-floor are of the same height and width as the lower ones, with an architrave round them, on the top of which is a frieze and cornice.

Figure 2 is the *Ground Plan* of the above; A, the porch. Hall, 12 feet 4 inches by 7 feet 10 inches; lobby, 7 feet 9 inches square; B, stair-case; parlour, 20 feet 5 inches by 16 feet 6 inches; dining-room, 22 feet 10 inches by 16 feet 6 inches; library, 16 feet 6 inches by 14 feet; kitchen, 16 feet 3 inches by 15 feet 6 inches.

PLATE VII.—PLANS AND ELEVATIONS FOR A VILLA, WITH WINGS.—*Figure 1. Principal Elevation*: this building, if properly situated, would command a fine prospect from the circular bows in the wings. The whole extent of the building, including the wings, may be 85 feet 6 inches; each of the wings 24 feet 9 inches, and the body of the building 36 feet. The entrance is 3 feet 9 inches, raised upon three steps, of

* Directions to the Book-binder, for arranging and placing the plates, will be given hereafter.

6 inches rise, on the top of which are two Doric columns, with pilasters behind them. The columns are six diameters high; the entablature 2 feet 4 inches, and the blocking-course 1 foot. The windows on each side of the porch, in the centre part of the building, are 4 feet 3 inches from the ground, 7 feet 6 inches high, and 3 feet 8 inches wide, with a Grecian architrave around them; diminishing on each side of the centre of the window, and parallel to the sides of the column. The ears at the top of the window are vertical with the bottom of the architrave; the window in each wing, parallel to the front, is of the same dimensions as above: and the window in each bow is Venetian, placed between four columns of the Ionic order. The proportion of the columns is eight and a half diameters in height, and each diminishes about one-sixth; the entablature is one-fourth of the height of the column, on the top of which is a blocking-course, 10 inches high.

Figure 2.—Ground Plan of the Principal Story. A, the Vestibule, 13 feet 3 inches by 6 feet; BB, Passage, 33 feet by 4 feet; Parlour, 13 feet 3 inches by 12 feet 9 inches; Library, 13 feet 3 inches by 12 feet 9 inches; Dining-room, 18 feet, exclusive of the part in the bow, by 16 feet 6 inches; Drawing-room of the same dimensions; kitchen, 18 feet 8 inches by 12 feet 9 inches; D, Scullery, 6 feet 6 inches square; E, Pantry, 6 feet 2 inches by 3 feet 9 inches; C, Closet, 6 feet 4 inches by 5 feet 9 inches; e, Entrance to the Chambers; f, Entrance to the Wine-cellar, &c.

Figure 3.—Plan of the Chamber-Floor. AA, Passage to the Bed-rooms, 25 feet by 4 feet; B, Bed-room, 13 feet by 11 feet 10 inches; H, Water-closet, 6 feet 6 inches by 4 feet 2 inches; C, Bed-room, 13 feet 6 inches by 12 feet 10 inches; D, Dressing-room to ditto, 7 feet 5 inches by 4 feet; E, Front Bed-room, 13 feet 3 inches by 12 feet 9 inches; F, Dressing-room to ditto, 13 feet 3 inches by 6 feet; G, Bed-room.

PLATE VIII.—PLAN AND ELEVATION OF A COUNTRY VILLA.—*Figure 1. Elevation of a Castellated Gothic Villa, with buttresses, &c.* This building would be suitable for a gentleman of moderate fortune. Its whole length is 78 feet; and its height, from the surface of the ground to the top of the battlements, 34 feet 2 inches. The battlements are continued all round the building, and the height of them is 2 feet 6 inches. The buttresses are 29 feet 3 inches high, with two water tables, on the top of which is a cornice. The cornice is continued all round the building. The windows on the ground-floor are 4 feet 3 inches from the ground, their height 9 feet, and width 4 feet. The top of each window is crowned with a tablet, which reaches to a little below the top of the window, on each side. The chamber-floor windows are 19 feet from the ground, their height is 8 feet, and width 4 feet, and they are crowned with a tablet, as below. The entrance is on the flank to the right, raised 1 foot 6 inches above the level of the ground, and ascended by three steps; it is enclosed within a porch, of 12 feet in front and 8 feet deep; the openings of the front and sides of the porch are 8 feet and 4 feet 10 inches. The height to the springing of the arches is 8 feet, and to the top of the arch 3 feet 10 inches, over which runs a band, and is of the same height as that in the octagonal front of the building. On the left flank is a green-house, which will have a very beautiful effect on entering, as seen at one extremity of the passage through a sash-door.

Figure 2.—Ground Plan of the Principal Story. A, Porch, 8 feet by 6 feet; B, Passage, communicating to the different apartments, 74 feet long by 6 feet wide; C, Stone Staircase to the Bed-chambers, steps 3 feet 6 inches long, treads 11 inches, risers rather more than 6 inches; Breakfast-Room, 20 feet by 17 feet 6 inches; Dining-Room, 20 feet by 17 feet 6 inches; Drawing-Room, 30 feet by 30 feet; Library, 20 feet by 17 feet 6 inches; E, Parlour, 20 feet by 17 feet 6 inches; D, Waiting-Room, or Dressing-Room, 19 feet by 15 feet; F, Water-Closet, which is entered by a door under the staircase; Green-house, 42 feet 6 inches by 12 feet 6 inches. The Servants' apartments, &c. are on the basement, which is entered by the staircase, C.

PLATE IX.—PLAN AND ELEVATION OF A COUNTRY VILLA.—*Figure 1. Principal Elevation of a castellated Gothic Villa, with Buttresses, and Pinnacles on a straight Front.* The extent of this building, from the extremity of one wing to that of the other, is 60 feet: extent of each of the wings, 11 feet 10 inches. The body of the building, 36 feet 4 inches. The entrance, 3 feet 4 inches wide, with a Gothic head, receding

from the central part of the front 3 feet 6 inches, forming a Porch, and raised, above the level of the ground, 1 foot 6 inches; ascended by 3 steps of 6 inches rise. The entrance to the Porch is 4 feet 10 inches wide, and it rises 6 feet to the springing of the arch: the arch is 4 feet high, and is ornamented with mouldings and crockets on each side. The windows of the ground floor, on each side of the Porch, are 6 feet 6 inches high by 4 feet 6 inches wide; and those in the wings are 6 feet high, and 4 feet 6 inches wide: those in the bed chamber 4 feet 3 inches high and 4 feet wide.

Figure 2.—Ground Plan of the Principal Story.—A flight of three steps to the Porch, L, 7 feet 7 inches by 2 feet 6 inches. I, *Hall*, 9 feet 6 inches by 7 feet 7 inches. N, *Staircase*, of wood, steps 3 feet 3 inches, their rise is $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and the tread $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches. PP, *Passage* to the different apartments, 57 feet 8 inches by 4 feet. B, *Breakfast-Room*, 14 feet 3 inches by 12 feet. A, *Dining-Room*, with folding doors, 14 feet 3 inches by 12 feet. F, 12 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 7 inches. D, *Parlour*, 12 feet by 10 feet 4 inches. C, *Library*, 12 feet by 10 feet 4 inches. H, *Servants' Waiting-Room*, 7 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 3 inches. E, *Kitchen*, 12 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 7 inches. G, *Wash-house*, 10 feet by 7 feet 6 inches. O, *Water-closet*, 4 feet 2 inches by 3 feet.

PLATE X.—*LODGES and ENTRANCE to a MANSION.*—These lodges are in the castellated style, and would be suitable for the octagonal mansion represented in plate XII.

Figure 1.—The Elevation of the Lodges.—The central part, betwixt the piers, for carriages, may be 11 feet 9 inches in the clear, above the plinth. The height of the gateway 7 feet; the piers 3 feet wide and 9 feet 10 inches high: the faces and sides forming the internal angles (see *plan, fig. 2.*) are ornamented with small recesses, terminating at the top with Gothic heads, filled in with three cusps and two semi-cusps, denominated by the name of a *Quadrefoil arch*. The part above that is carried solidly over the internal angles, forming a regular octagonal figure, with two water-table mouldings, and small panels in the faces betwixt the mouldings, filled in with cusps.

The *side-gate* for passengers is five feet wide above the plinth, betwixt the porch and pier. The elevations of the fronts of the lodges is of an octagonal form, with hexagonal buttresses on the angles, the sides of which are filled in with small recesses, with Gothic heads. The length of each lodge in front, including the porch, is 20 feet: its height, from the ground to the top of the battlements, 13 feet. The battlements, including the corbels, are 2 feet high: the windows are 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, from the sill to the top of the arch; standing in recesses 2 inches deep, 4 feet wide, and 8 feet high, from the top of the plinth to the top of the arch. The height, from the top of the roof to the ground, is 15 feet. The breadth of the battlements is 9 inches and a half. The embrasures, or openings, 5 inches wide.

Figure 2.—Plan of the Lodges and Gateways.—The whole length in front, from the extremity of one lodge to that of the other, is 67 feet 9 inches: the distances betwixt the porches is 27 feet 9 inches: the size of the porch, in the clear, is 5 feet 3 inches by 3 feet. The *Living-Rooms*, 14 feet by 11 feet 7 inches. The *Bed-Rooms* 11 feet 7 inches, by 7 feet 6 inches.

PLATE XI.—*GROUND PLAN of a DESIGN for a MANSION in the CASTELLATED STYLE.*—The entrance is by a *Groined porch*, ascended by 4 steps; length of tread 7 feet, breadth 11 inches, and risers 6 inches, to be made of granite. I, *Hall*, 30 feet by 27 feet 6 inches. L, *Passage*, 6 feet 6 inches wide; lighted by a borrowed light from the lantern of the Picture Gallery. H, *Principal Staircase*, 23 feet long by 16 feet 6 inches; the length of the treads 7 feet, and breadth one foot; their rise, rather more than 6 inches. K, *Back Staircase*, 16 feet 4 inches by 10 feet; length of tread 4 feet 4 inches, breadth $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; risers $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. E, *Breakfast Room*, 46 feet 6 inches by 46 feet 6 inches. F, *Music-Room*, 30 feet 6 inches by 17 feet. D, *Dining-Room*, 46 feet 6 inches by 46 feet 6 inches. G, *Parlour*, 19 feet by 17 feet. B, *Drawing-Room*, 46 feet 6 inches by 46 feet 6 inches. C, *Library*, of the same dimensions. A, *Picture-Gallery*, 43 feet by 43 feet, lighted by a lantern from the top of the building. The *Water-Closet*, 16 feet 8 inches by 6 feet 6 inches, lighted by a borrowed light through ground-glass from the well-hole of the staircase.

The plans of the rooms above are adapted to contain, at least, seven *Bed-Rooms*, with *Dressing-Rooms*, and *Closets*.

PLATE XII.—PRINCIPAL ELEVATION *for a MANSION in the CASTELLATED STYLE*.—This building, from its construction, would have a majestic appearance if placed on a hill, or elevated ground, and entirely detached from other buildings, more especially if surrounded by wood, and near the side of some river or stream. The whole length in front may be assumed as 131 feet 6 inches, exclusive of the buttresses. The body of the building, parallel to the front, and at right angles, passing through the centre of it, will thus be 102 feet 6 inches. Its whole height, from the ground to the top of the battlements, 88 feet. The height to the top of the second row of battlements of the larger octagonal body, 79 feet 8 inches. The turrets, 15 feet 6 inches high, 5 feet 3 inches diameter, and projecting three quarters of a circle below the corbels, from the angles of the plain faces of the octagonal body. The windows in the faces, from the top downwards, are all of one width; each of their heights is, respectively, 5 feet, 6 feet, 7 feet, and 8 feet, high; with water-tables and mouldings over them. The widow-frames, of oak, consist of a Munion Transom and bars; the rectangular projections are 30 feet each in front, and 19 feet deep, with turrets at the angles 13 feet 6 inches high, and 5 feet diameter. The openings of the porch, in the clear, each 7 feet wide, and 17 feet high; ornamented on the chamfers with mouldings. On the top of the arch are crockets, rising in the form of pinnacles. The doors that light the Hall, which is seen through the openings of the porch, are each 5 feet 7 inches wide in the clear, and 16 feet high, moulded all round. The frames of the apertures are of oak, and are made to open in two halves; the bottom of which is panelled. The front of the octagonal wings extends 50 feet 3 inches; each of the faces is 20 feet 9 inches nearly, with buttresses on the angles. Their height, from the ground to the top of the enriched battlement, is 27 feet. The windows are each 7 feet 4 inches wide in the clear; their height, from the cill to the top of the arch, is 14 feet. The reveals are chamfered about half-way in. The space between the cill and the plinth is filled in with ornamented panels. The frames of the windows are of oak, with Gothic heads, and are made to open in one of the compartments.

PLATE XIII.—GROUND PLAN *of the SEAT of HENRY MONTEITH, Esq. at Carstairs, near the River Clyde*.—The space H represents the *porch*, with buttresses at the corners, ascended by three steps, and groined in the inside. The dimensions are 16 feet by 15 feet 6 inches. E, *Hall*, with two small windows, on each side of the doorway; 19 feet 4 inches by 18 feet 4 inches. D, *Library*, of an octagonal form, 22 feet 9 inches by 22 feet 9 inches, to the inside of the bay-window. Length of the *Passage*, 10 feet 3 inches. I, *Grand Staircase*, 25 feet 3 inches by 23 feet 3 inches, lighted by a large window in the side wall, and opposite to the window in the bottom of the passage; length of the steps, 4 feet; rise 6 inches and a half; tread, 11 inches. C, *Breakfast-Room*, 32 feet 3 inches, including the bay, by 25 feet. B, *Dining-Room*, 39 feet by 30 feet, including the bay. A, *Drawing-Room*, 34 feet by 29 feet 6 inches, including the bay. F, *Bed-Room*, 22 feet 9 inches by 18 feet 5 inches. V, *Pondering-Room*, 11 feet 3 inches by 9 feet 9 inches. N, *Parlour*, 16 feet 6 inches by 11 feet 3 inches. L, *Nursery*, 23 feet 7 inches by 20 feet 5 inches. G, *Kitchen*, below the level of the rooms on the ground-floor, and communicating to them by a winding staircase at one corner, 23 feet 9 inches by 20 feet 6 inches. O, *Bed-Room*, 16 feet 9 inches by 14 feet. P, *Bed-Room*, 16 feet 9 inches by 10 feet. R, *Housekeeper's-Room*, 16 feet 5 inches by 15 feet. U, *Anti-room*, 11 feet 4 inches by 9 feet 4 inches, lighted at the top, with a closet at one end.

The largest winding staircase leads up to the servant's Bed-Rooms, which are carried lower than the Bed-Rooms over the body of the building, and communicate with the Bed-Rooms on the body of building by a door, leading off from the second flight of steps of the grand staircase. The parts which are broken off at the farthest extremity to the left, are the offices connected with the Kitchen.

PLATE XIV.—PRINCIPAL ELEVATION *of the SEAT of HENRY MONTEITH, Esq.*—The whole extent of this building, exclusive of the offices, not shown in the plate, is 175 feet. The principal part, including the bays, with the Oriel windows on each side of the porch, is 64 feet 10 inches. The entrance, within the porch, is 5 feet 9 inches wide in the clear, and 12 feet 10 inches high to the top of the soffit of the arch, raised 1 foot 7½ in. above the level of the ground, and ascended by three steps of 6½ in. rise, tread 1 foot. The width of the opening in the porch is 11 feet 6 inches, and its height 13 feet 6 inches, from the top of the steps to the top of the soffit of the arch.

The height of the porch, from the ground to the top of the battlements, is 20 feet 9 inches. The height of the central part, behind the porch, from the ground to the top of the battlements, is 54 feet 6 inches; its breadth, (including the octagonal buttresses, which rise at the top into pinnacles,) is 24 feet. The height of the bay, with the Oriel window, between the octagonal buttresses, from the ground to the top of the battlements, is 37 feet; its breadth 12 feet 6 inches. The central Oriel window, without the munnions, is 5 feet wide, and 9 feet 6 inches high: each of the diagonal openings is 2 feet 6 inches wide, in the clear of the reveals.

The window above the bay is 5 feet 8 inches wide, and 6 feet 2 inches high, divided into munnions with Gothic heads. The bays, with the Oriel windows on each side of the porch, are 35 feet 6 inches high, from the ground to the top of the battlements, and 16 feet wide. Each of the Oriel windows, in the central part, on the ground-floor, is 7 feet 4 inches wide, and 12 feet high in the clear; and each of the diagonal openings 2 feet 4 inches in the clear. The Oriel windows over the ground-floor, in the central part, are each 7 feet 6 inches wide, and 9 feet high, and those on the diagonals 2 feet 4 inches wide. The part behind the bays is of a pediment-form, with square buttresses, and small pediments, rising into pinnacles.

The extreme wing, to the left, is 29 feet wide, and 39 feet high, from the ground to the top of the battlements. The turrets are each 11 feet 9 inches high, and project three-quarters of a circle out, from the angles below. The window on the ground-floor is 7 feet wide, and 9 feet 3 inches high. The Oriel window above, in the central opening, is 4 feet 9 inches wide and 7 feet high: the side openings are each 1 foot 7 inches wide. The space which recedes from the wing to the left, and to the octagonal tower, is 24 feet 5 inches wide, and 31 feet high to the top of the battlements.

The windows on the ground-floor are each 3 feet 9 inches wide, and 8 feet 5 inches high: the windows above are 3 feet 9 inches wide, and 5 feet 10 inches high. The octagonal tower, adjacent to the above, is 11 feet wide and 45 feet high; each of the small windows in the faces, from the top downwards, is 7 feet, 8 feet, and 8 feet 7 inches high; their width, in the clear, 1 foot.

The space between the Oriel windows and the octagonal tower is 29 feet wide, and 36 feet 6 inches high, from the ground to the top of the battlements; the windows on the ground-floor are 4 feet 10 inches wide, and 10 feet high; the windows above those on the ground-floor are 3 feet 9 inches wide, and 6 feet 6 inches high.

The octagonal tower at the extremity, to the right, is 11 feet wide, and 49 feet high from the ground to the top of the battlements; each of the windows, from the top downwards, is 6 feet 9 inches, 7 feet 9 inches, and 9 feet 9 inches, high; and each of their widths 13 inches. The small space between the tower and the Oriel windows is 5 feet 9 inches: the small windows between are blank. All the munnions and Gothic heads which divide the windows into compartments are of oak.

PLATE XV.—PLAN and ELEVATION of a MANSION.—*Figure 1.* This building, though perfectly straight in front, would have a pleasing effect from its colonnade, and the portico projecting out from it. The whole length of the building may be 89 feet 6 inches, and its height, from the ground to the top of the blocking-course 49 feet. The columns are of the Doric order, without flutes, raised upon a plinth 18 inches above the level of the ground, and stand 4 feet from the wall. The height of the columns is 14 feet; being six diameters and a half high. The entablature, 2 feet 10 inches; above which is a blocking-course, about 10 inches high, on which the balcony is fixed.

The windows under the colonnade are 8 feet 9 inches high, and 4 feet 5 inches wide, and come down within $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the level of the colonnade, forming a step out. The architraves around the windows are one-sixth of their opening. The sashes are of the common kind; but are so constructed as to make them go higher up than the top of the window, in order that a person may get out without stooping.

The entrance is 4 feet 6 inches wide, with a small window on each side, and a fan-light over the top to lighten the vestibule. The two columns which stand before pilasters, and immediately behind the two extreme columns, in front of the portico, are intended to rest a beam upon the top of them, in order to support a viranda, which comes a little before the balcony, and is composed of piers of 1 foot 2 inches

square, and 9 feet 6 inches high; which may be either of stone or wood, with bases and ornamented caps. On the top of this is an entablature, 2 feet high, with a small blocking-course. The windows on each side of the viranda are 9 feet high, and 4 feet 3 inches broad, with an architrave one-sixth of the width round them, and a frieze and cornice above, and come down to 6 inches from the level of the balcony, forming a step out.

The sashes are of the same form as those below. Those in the attic are of smaller dimensions; their height 6 feet 3 inches by 4 feet. That in the centre is a Venetian window, with a flat segment-head. Above the attic is a cornice, 1 foot 3 inches high, and 2 feet projection; its parts are a fillet, ovolo, and corona, with a channel underneath it to carry off the rain. There is also a semi-reversa next to the wall, which is concealed in the channel, the bottom of which is on a level with the bottom of the corona, and cannot be seen unless in perspective. There is also a head and fascia below that.

Figure 2.—Ground Plan, or Principal Story. A, Porch. BB, Colonnade. C, Hall, 19 feet 6 inches by 16 feet 2 inches. G, Stone Staircase, with flyers and winders; the length of the steps is 4 feet 3 inches, their tread 11 inches, and their rise rather more than $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. N, Back Staircase. The Dining-Room, 32 feet 6 inches by 19 feet 6 inches. Library and Breakfast Room of the same dimensions. Housekeeper's Room, 15 feet square. Steward's Room, 15 feet by 13 feet. Strong-Room, 7 feet 3 inches by 6 feet 3 inches. Dressing-Room, 15 feet by 12 feet 9 inches. Stone-Room, 15 feet by 9 feet 10 inches.

PLATE XVI.—GROUND PLAN of a CHURCH in the GRECIAN STYLE. The Portico (a), of four columns, projects out from the front of the wall, 8 feet 6 inches. The Vestibule (b) leads to the body of the chapel and side stair-cases; diameter, 19 feet 9 inches within the columns. Staircases of an elliptical form (cc), leading to the gallery, 22 feet 8 inches by 20 feet 9 inches; length of treads, 4 feet 10 inches; breadth, in the middle, 11 inches; risers rather more than 6 inches. Side Entrances, ff.

The body of the church may be 89 feet long and 54 feet 3 inches broad, and it will contain sixteen hundred sittings, (including free seats,) exclusive of seats for children in front of the organ.

hhhh, represent Pews, 3 feet wide; seats, 1 foot; book-desk, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; oo, Larger Pews; pp, spaces between the free-seats. The Pulpit (n), of an hexagonal form; i, Stair, ascending to it. Reading-desk (m), with clerk's seat in front; stair (i) ascending to it. The Communion-place, of a circular form, with four three-quarter columns, and two antæ: betwixt the columns are two niches, and a window in the centre.

The Vestry-Room (s) is 22 feet 2 inches by 15 feet 4 inches. The Entrance to Circular Stair (y), leading to library above. The Anti-Room under Portico (u) 10 feet 5 inches by 8 feet. The Robing-Room (t), 22 feet 2 inches by 15 feet 4 inches. The Anti-Room (v) 10 feet 5 inches by 8 feet. X, Entrance to the Catacombs. W, Back Portico, of four columns, projecting out from the wall 5 feet 6 inches.

PLATE XVII.—FRONT ELEVATION OF THE SAME CHURCH, IN THE GRECIAN STYLE.—The extent of the front of this building to the extremities of the antæ is 64 feet 9 inches; the breadth of the portico, at the top of the columns, is 37 feet. The columns are raised 1 foot $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches above the level of the ground, and are designed from the Monument of Lysicrates; (See Orders, pl. XXV.) their diameter is 3 feet, and height, including the base and capital, 29 feet. The height of the entablature is 7 feet 4 inches; the architrave, 2 feet 9 inches; the frieze, 1 foot 10 inches; and the cornice, 2 feet 9 inches. The ornament which stands on the top of the cornice is 13 inches high, and is continued all round the building. The antæ are of the same width as the upper diameter of the columns, and do not diminish. The capitals of the antæ are a composition, as there are no antæ to be found in this style of Grecian architecture. The principal entrance is ascended by three steps, in front of the portico of $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. rise; tread, 1 foot. Its width at the bottom is 6 feet 11 inches; it diminishes to the top, and its height is 14 feet. The side entrances are each 6 feet 7 inches at bottom, and diminish to the top; their height, 12 feet 9 inches, with an architrave round them and a cornice at the top, supported at each extremity by a console. The niches on each side of the principal entrance are 4 feet 3 inches wide, and 8 feet 10 inches high, and diminish on each side parallel to the sides of the columns.

The Attic, which stands over the cornice of the entablature, is 5 feet 9 inches high, with a dentil cornice and three fascias below. The height of the pediment is 7 feet 10 inches, from the top of the cornice on the attic.

The height of the pedestal, from the bottom of the pediment to the top of the columns round the belfry, is 7 feet 10 inches. The columns and entablature round the belfry are 20 feet 10 inches high, and are similar to those in the portico; the wall, which is seen between the columns, is rusticated above the two plinths. The apertures in the belfry, for letting out the sound, are 4 feet 2 inches wide, and 11 feet 3 inches high.

The part where the dials of the clock are placed is of an octagonal form; its height, including the two circular steps from the top of the cornice, round the entablature of the belfry, to the top of the cornice, above the dials, is 9 feet 10 inches. There are four dials in it, at right angles to each other, and four small apertures in the diagonal faces, each 3 feet wide and 4 feet high, filled in with perforated luffer-boardings in the form of scales.

The part over the dials, above the two circular steps, is of an octagonal form, with eight columns supporting an entablature. Its height, including the two circular steps at the top of the entablature, is 15 feet 8 inches. The diameter of each column is 1 foot $5\frac{1}{2}$ in., and 11 feet 7 inches high: the entablature, 2 feet 7 inches. The height of the small pediments above the entablature is 1 foot 9 inches, with a honey-suckle betwixt each.

The height of the spire above the top of the pediments to the top of the cross is 44 feet $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and this portion is ornamented with scales to the height of 28 feet 10 inches. The whole height of the steeple, from the ground to the top of the cross, is 152 feet.

PLATE XVIII.—FLANK ELEVATION *of the same Church, in the Grecian Style.*—The whole extent of this front, including the projecting porticos on the bottom line of the entablature, is 166 feet 3 inches. That between the two extreme half antæ, on each side of the bows, is 146 feet 8 inches; and the plain part between the bows, is 88 feet 2 inches. Each of the bows is 26 feet 3 inches. The height, from the top of the steps to the top of the cills of the lower windows, is 3 feet 8 inches. The lower windows are 5 feet 2 inches wide, diminishing a little at the top, and their height is 4 feet 10 inches. The height between the under side of the lintel of the lower windows and the top of the cill of the upper windows is 6 feet 7 inches. The height of the windows above is 9 feet 6 inches; and the breadth, at the bottom, 5 feet, diminishing to the top about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The height from the under side of the lintel of the upper windows, to the lower line of the entablature, is 4 feet 5 inches. The height from the ground to the top of the roof is 50 feet $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The frames of the windows to be of metal. All the ornaments on the exterior of this building may be of terra-cotta, or of stone, if built in a country where both labour and stone are cheap.

PLATE XIX.—BACK ELEVATION *of the same Church, in the Grecian Style.*—This view represents the entrance to the Catacombs, the Vestry-Room, and the Robing-Room. The columns, the width of the portico, and the spaces on each side of the portico, with the widths and heights, are the same as in the front elevation. The windows on each side of the portico are similar to those in the flank elevation, and are of the same height and breadth. The width of the entrance to the catacombs, in the clear, is 5 feet 8 inches at the bottom, diminishing upwards parallel to the sides of the columns; and its height is 10 feet 3 inches. The entrances on each side of the central one, are each 5 feet at the bottom and 10 feet 3 inches high. The doors are of oak, and open in two halves. The height of the projecting part, under the portico, is 15 feet 4 inches, from the top of the steps, to the top of the ornament which extends right and left. Over the central door are three urns, standing upon a small pedestal.

PLATE XX.—LONGITUDINAL SECTION *of the same Church in the Grecian Style.*—The lower part of this section represents the vaults, which are entered from the projecting part beneath the portico, at the east end, by a flight of steps descending downward. Their height from the ground to the top of the soffit of the arch is 7 feet 9 inches, and the width 6 feet.

The height of the ceiling underneath the gallery, from the level of the floor of the body of the church, is 10 feet 5 inches: the small columns, which stand upon pedestals, to the height of the pewing, and which support the gallery, are 6 feet 4 inches high, and their diameter about a ninth part of their height. The front of the gallery, over the columns, is 3 feet 5 inches high.

The height from the floor of the body of the church to the top of the ceiling, beneath the roof, is 36 feet 8 inches.

The columns in the communion-place are 21 feet 4 inches high, and their diameter 2 feet 4 inches. The shafts of the columns are represented in Scagliola: the entablature over the columns is 4 feet 11 inches high.

The height of the columns in the Vestibule is 20 feet 8 inches, and their diameter 2 feet 5 inches. The height of the entablature is 5 feet, and the dome 9 feet 4 inches, from the cornice to the elliptical opening which admits the light into the vestibule from the small windows above. The height from the level of the vestibule to the top of the first platform, which leads up to the belfry, is 43 feet 6 inches; to the second platform on the floor of the belfry, 57 feet; and, to the third platform, where the clock-work is fixed, 78 feet 9 inches. The view of the part above the clock-work exhibits the manner of framing the different off-sets to the top of the spire.

PLATE XXI.—TRANSVERSE SECTION of the same CHURCH, in the GRECIAN STYLE.—This section exhibits a view on looking towards the west end. The lower part shows the arrangement of the vaults, with the passages communicating to them. The depth of the vaults, on each side of the central passage, is 10 feet; and of those on the right and left of the side passages, 9 feet. The width of the side passages is 3 feet 3 inches, and of the middle one 5 feet 9 inches. The openings in the exterior walls, which are sectioned, are of a circular form, and are to admit the light into the vaults, by means of circular walls built in front of them, and covered with a grating.

Over the vaults is shown a section of the interior of the pews, the free seats down the middle aisle, and also the middle and side entrances to the body of the church. Upon the gallery is shown the Organ, and the side entrances from the staircases.

The breadth of the gallery, which is shown in this section, is 14 feet 10 inches from the wall, to the front of the gallery. The width of the passage is 3 feet 4 inches, and each of the pews 2 feet 8 inches. The height of the seats in the pewing, is 1 foot 6 inches.

PLATE XXII.—GROUND PLAN of a CHAPEL.—A, represents the *Porch*, recessed within two columns, 26 feet 4 inches by 4 feet 6 inches. B, an elliptical *Vestibule*, with pilasters and niches, lighted from the top, 27 feet 3 inches by 16 feet 10 inches. D and C, *Side Staircases* to gallery, 25 feet by 13 feet; with a circular staircase in one corner, leading to the children's gallery and tower.

The size of the interior of the body of the chapel is 83 feet by 58 feet. The principal passage, representing the free seats, is 8 feet within the clear of the pew-doors. The side passages are each 3 feet to the front of the seats next the walls. The pews are 3 feet wide; the seats 1 foot; the book-desk $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; and the doors 1 foot 7 inches.

The *Pulpit*, (n) is of an hexagonal form, with stairs ascending up to it. o, *Reading-Desk*, with clerk's seat in front.

The little black circles represent the columns which support the gallery. The *Communion-Place* (H) is of an elliptical form, and raised one foot high. E, *Vestry-Room*, 18 feet 6 inches by 13 feet, with a fire-place, and small closets in the angles. The *Strong Closet*, (e) 6 feet 2 inches by 5 feet 2 inches. *Water-Closet*, (g) 6 feet by 3 feet 9 inches, the mean proportion. F, *Robing-Room*, with fire-place, and closets of the same dimensions as Vestry-Room. G, entrance to the vaults.

PLATE XXIII.—PRINCIPAL ELEVATION of the same CHAPEL.—This building is in the style of the *Grecian Doric*. The extent of its front, to the extremities of the pilasters, is 66 feet. Its height, from the ground to the top of the cross, is 112 feet. The entrance, or door, is raised 2 feet 8 inches above the level of the ground, ascended by 5 steps of rather more than 6 inches rise, which are continued all round the building. The opening of the door is 7 feet 3 inches in the clear at bottom, and 6 feet 10 inches at the top; diminishing about one-seventeenth part of the breadth. The door is of oak; it is divided into eight panels, and opens in two halves, to the height of the bead betwixt the third and fourth panel; and is hinged to a vertical bead, which runs up by the side of the architrave of the door. The architrave is about two-ninths of the breadth

of the door. That part of the architrave which extends across the top of the door, is a little less. Over the architrave is a Cornice and Pediment, with an ornament at each corner, supported at each extremity of the cornice by a console. Over the door is a panel, which may be filled in with bas-relief, or an inscription.

The Columns are 31 feet 5 inches high; their diameter at bottom 5 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and at top 4 feet. The pilasters are of the same width as the top of the column. The mouldings of the caps are similar to those of the Monument of Thrasyllus. The lower windows betwixt the pilasters, are 5 feet 5 inches wide at bottom, and at top 5 feet $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. The windows above are of the same width at bottom as those below, and at top 5 feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. The architraves are 1 foot $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. with a break at top, of about 2 inches. The bars of the windows are of metal. The cills of the windows are $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The height of the Architrave, Frieze, and Cornice, is 8 feet. The breadth of the triglyphs is 2 feet 5 inches. The height of the Pediment, from the top of the cornice to the top of the Cymatium, is 11 feet 6 inches: on the top, at each extremity of which are placed *Acroteria*.

That part which projects beyond the bottom of the Cupola, is to admit light into the vestibule by means of six small windows in the faces of the pedestal of the Cupola, which is concealed within it. The windows in the belfry are 4 feet 5 inches wide, and 11 feet 6 inches high, to the top of the arch. The aperture of the latter is filled in with horizontal luffer-boarding. The pilasters round the belfry are 16 feet 6 inches high, and 1 foot 11 inches wide; the moulding in the caps, are the same as those in the front; the bars are similar to the attic base; the height of the entablature is 4 feet 2 inches, with wreaths in the frieze, and ornaments above the cornice.

The part above the belfry, which contains the clock-work, is of an octagonal form, with a cornice and continued ornament above, similar to that on the top of the cornice of the Monument of Lysicrates. (*Orders, Plate XXV.*) The faces of the octagonal part is filled in with four dials, at right angles to each other, and four small windows, 3 feet 6 inches wide, and 3 feet high: the apertures of which are filled in with luffer-boarding, in the form of scales. Above the octagonal part is a circular dome raised upon a step, with a ball and cross over it.

PLATE XXIV.—FLANK ELEVATION of the same CHAPEL.—The whole length of this elevation is 142 feet between the two outer pilasters. That part between the pilasters, wherein the windows are, is 79 feet. The heights of the doors, pilasters, entablature, and cupola, are the same as those in the front elevation. The lower windows are 5 feet 4 inches wide and 4 feet 7 inches high, and diminish at the top one inch and a half: the windows above these are 5 feet 4 inches wide, and 9 feet 8 inches high, and diminish 3 inches and three-quarters at top. The architraves are 1 foot 1 inch and a half, with a break at top of about 2 inches on each side: over the top of the architrave is a cornice and a pediment, with a honeysuckle at each extremity.

PLATE XXIV. A.—THE BACK ELEVATION of the same CHAPEL.—The general dimensions of this elevation, in the heights and breadths, are the same as in the principal elevation, and differ only in the recesses, with the piers and arches turned over them between the antæ; and the entrance to the catacombs, with the recessed window within the arch, for lighting the Communion-place.

The entrance between the columns is 5 feet 8 inches wide, and 9 feet 4 inches high, with folding-doors, and circular holes in them for ventilation. The height, from the top of the steps, round the building, to the top of the cornice over the entrance, is 12 feet 5 inches. The piers of the outer arch, behind the columns, are in the same face with the wall below the cornice over the door: the opening of the outer arch is 12 feet 8 inches wide, and 17 feet 8 inches high, to the soffit of the arch, the inner arch is recessed about 5 inches from the outer one, and forms a margin of 10 inches all round. Over the entrance is a sarcophagus standing on a plinth.

The height of the piers, with the imposts and bases, which support the archivolts between the antæ, is 21 feet 2 inches, the opening between the piers is 10 feet 9 inches, and the height, from the top of the steps to the top of the intrados, is 26 feet 6 inches. Over the centre of each window is a wreath.

PLATE XXV.—LONGITUDINAL SECTION of the same CHAPEL.—This section is taken through the middle of the chapel from west to east. The lower part represents the brick vaults, which are entered beneath the

porch, from the east end, by a flight of steps descending downwards. The height of the vaults is 8 feet from the ground to the top of the soffit of the arch; the breadth 6 feet 6 inches, and the depth 11 feet 6 inches. The thickness of the arches is a brick and a half. Above the arches is represented the dwarf wall, down the middle passage, (see transverse section, *pl. XXVI.*) for resting the Yorkshire slabs on, which cover the vacancy where the flues are laid for heating the chapel.

The part which supports the Reading-Desk is of an octagonal form, standing upon a small plinth, with eight insulated columns and entablature, similar to the *Tower of the Winds*; the height of the columns is 5 feet; their diameter, an eighth part of their height; and the entablature a sixth part. Over the middle entrance, against the side of the Tower, is shown the side of the organ, raised upon a platform.

The height of the pilasters in the Communion-place, is 22 feet 6 inches, their breadth one-ninth part of the height, with plain caps and bases. The height of the entablature is 5 feet 6 inches. The general heights of the interior of the body of the chapel, are given in the description of the transverse section.

The height of the Vestibule, from the ground to the top of the elliptical opening in the dome, which admits the light from the small windows beneath the first platform of the tower, is 30 feet 6 inches; the height of the pilasters is 18 feet, and of the entablature 4 feet 10 inches. Over the top of the cornice is a dome, whose transverse section is a semi-circle, and longitudinal section an ellipsis, with sunk panels, radiating towards the apex. The height, from the level of the vestibule to the flooring boards of the first platform in the tower, is 46 feet; the height from the floor of the first platform to the floor of the belfry, is 15 feet; from the floor of the belfry to the third platform, 19 feet; from the third platform to the fourth platform, 11 feet; and, from the fourth platform to the top of the soffit of the dome, 7 feet 4 inches. The dome is tied together by means of iron bars, radiating from a vertical spindle in the middle of it, and the ends of which are let into the stones and run in with lead.

PLATE XXVI.—TRANSVERSE SECTION of the same CHAPEL. This section represents the interior of the chapel, on looking towards the west-end, and shows the organ with the children's seats in front of it; also the doors on the gallery, entering from the staircases. The side pews, passages, and truss to the gallery. The lower part, under the gallery, exhibits the principal entrance from the vestibule, the side entrances from the staircases, with a section of the interior of the pews, raised upon sleepers 5 inches above the level of the passages.

The height of the gallery, above the level of the passages, is 10 feet. The height of the columns, which support it, is 6 feet 3 inches, and their diameter rather more than $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches: they are raised upon pedestals to the height of the top of the pewing, are of the Grecian Doric, and may be either plain or fluted. The height of the front of the gallery is 3 feet $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; and the height, from the ceiling beneath the gallery to the ceiling of the roof, is 27 feet 9 inches.

PLATE XXVII.—PLAN of an OCTAGONAL MAUSOLEUM. *A*, the Porch, with two columns and pilasters in front, raised two feet above the level of the ground, ascended by 4 steps of 6 inches rise. The intercolumniation of the columns is of the *Diastyle*, with pilasters facing the flanks of each column. The Entrance (*f*) is 4 feet 8 inches wide. *B*, Chapel, 19 feet diameter, from the front of the base of one column to the front of the opposite; with eight columns, of the Doric order, and pilasters behind them. The intercolumniation of the columns is of the *Systyle*. *c, c, c, c, c*, are cells for the coffins, to be 6 feet 8 inches deep, and 2 feet 3 inches wide, with dwarf walls, 9 inches thick, carried up on each side, and arches turned over them; (See the *Section*.) *e, e, e, e*, represent porticos, with four columns, each projecting out from the body of the building 3 feet 9 inches; the intercolumniation of these columns are of the *Pycnostyle*. *a, a, a*, denote pedestals for figures to stand on.

PLATE XXVIII.—PRINCIPAL ELEVATION of the OCTAGONAL MAUSOLEUM. The structure is in the Greek style, and would be suitable for a family mausoleum, placed in a retired situation on a nobleman's estate, especially if surrounded by water. The diameter of the body of the building, parallel to the front is 49 feet 4 inches; its height 43 feet 7 inches. The columns are designed from those of the *Tower of the Winds*. Those forming the porticos stand upon a plinth, 2 feet high. The height of the columns is

19 feet 3 inches. Their proportion, 8 diameters, and they diminish about a sixth. The entablature is 3 feet 11 inches, or nearly one-fourth of the height of the column. The architrave is 1 foot 6 inches; the frieze, 10 inches; and the cornice, 1 foot 7 inches. The height of the pediment, exclusive of the cymatium, is one-fourth of the breadth of the frieze. For the real projections of the cornice and architrave, see the section through EF, on the preceding plan. In the central part of the front of the building is a sarcophagus, fluted on the face, with a wreath in the centre, and over its top two reverse scrolls, with a honeysuckle between them. On each side of the sarcophagus is an urn. These emblems, supposed to contain the ashes of the dead, were used by the antients in their mausoleums. Over the central part of the body of the building is a segment dome, on the top of which is an opening to admit light into the interior.

PLATE XXIX.—SECTION of the OCTAGONAL MAUSOLEUM. This section is taken through EF, on the plan, and it exhibits the interior of the Chapel, and the cells, with the coffins in them. Over the top of the cells is a tablet, on which an inscription may be made.

The columns are of the Grecian Doric, and they are raised upon a step of about 6 inches high; their height is 17 feet 7 inches; they are six diameters high, and diminished at the top 13 minutes of the base. The Entablature is designed from the Monument of Thrasyllus, the height of which is one-third of the column.

Over the top of the entablature are semi-circular recesses, with busts, emblematic of those contained in the cells below. Over the top of these is a cornice, from which springs a semi-circular dome, with panels radiating from the apex. In the centre of the dome is a sky-light of a conical form, around which is a channel, with a hole perforated in it, for carrying off the rain.

The soffits of the porticos are panelled, with roses in the centre. On the left is a female statue, standing on a pedestal, with an urn in her left hand, and a reversed torch in the other.

PLATE XXX.—GROUND PLAN of another MAUSOLEUM. (P.)—BB, represent *Porches*, or entrances, with four columns, each 35 feet 6 inches by 8 feet 2 inches, in the clear; *dd*, groined passages to the chapel and cemetery, with antæ on the sides and columns at each extremity, 39 feet 4 inches in the clear of the columns, by 10 feet within the face of the antæ. Chapel, 25 feet diameter, with niches and antæ. Circular cemeteries, 20 feet diameter, each containing 8 cells marked *c*. Flank cemeteries, 57 feet 5 inches in the clear of the columns, by 12 feet 4 inches within the face of the antæ, containing together 20 cells,—*d*, winding staircase to the upper plan,—*eeeeeeee*, pedestals for figures to stand on.

CC, *Flank Porches*, with square pillars in front, 29 feet 6 inches, in the clear, by 10 feet 6 inches. The middle or largest rectangular cemetery, which is entered by a porch, from the flank cemetery to the right, between two pedestals supporting figures, is 60 feet within the face of the three quarter columns, by 38 feet, groined with four segmental arches, springing from the top of the entablature, which is carried round the top of the four insulated columns.

The central part is crowned with a dome of an elliptical form, with panels radiating towards the apex. In the centre of the dome is an opening to admit the light, and from which a lamp may be suspended. The spandrels below the dome are fluted.

PLATE XXXI.—UPPER PLAN of the MAUSOLEUM. (P.) The arrangement of this plan, above the steps, within the parapet, is *peripteral*, being nearly surrounded by columns. The intercolumniations of the front and back are of the *diastyle*; and those on the flanks and interior are of the *systyle*: *f*, shows the top of the winding staircase; *aaaa*, walk all round the building; *gg*, a flight of steps, leading to the interior, which is entered between the antæ within the flank columns; *eeeeee*, pedestals for figures to stand on; *cc*, rooms which may be appropriated to contain the relics of the deceased, 46 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 4 inches, in the clear.

PLATE XXXII.—FRONT ELEVATION of the MAUSOLEUM. (P.) The whole extent of this building, above the sub-plinth at the base, is 118 feet 4 inches. The central part, forming the entrance, is 50 feet 4 inches; the front of which is in a vertical face, and the sides of the projecting part in a sloping direction, having the appearance of an Egyptian entrance. The columns are designed from the Monument of Lysicrates; their height is 26 feet, and their diameter 2 feet $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches, raised 20 inches above the level of the ground, forming three steps. The entablature is 8 feet high, to the top of the ornament over the cornice. The frieze and architrave, 4 feet high, and converted into one face, in order to give it a more massy and solemn appearance; upon it are figures in bas-relief, of various devices.

The entrance, within the columns, is 15 feet high, 7 feet wide at the bottom, and 6 feet 2 inches at the top. The spaces on each side of the entrance, at the bottom, above the sub-plinth, are of 22 feet 6 inches, filled in with horizontal vermiculated rustics. The piers at each extremity are 11 feet 6 inches, diminishing on the front the same as on the flanks. Within the blocking course, and 3 feet 6 inches below the top of it, is a walk all round the building, from which you ascend by a flight of steps, of 7 feet 9 inches high, to the inner part of the Mausoleum above. The projecting part of this, with the antæ at the extremities, is, in extent, 52 feet 4 inches. The height of the columns, 26 feet 2 inches, and their diameter 2 feet $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The width of the antæ is 2 feet 5 inches. The windows between the columns, in the clear, are 5 feet at the bottom, 4 feet 6 inches at the top, and 9 feet 4 inches high, filled in with trellis-work. In the centre intercolumniation is a figure, representing Hope or Charity, standing on a pedestal. The entablature over the columns is 6 feet 6 inches high, and the pediment 8 feet 4 inches.

The height of the attic, (which is formed on the flanks by *Caryatides* holding reversed torches and urns, standing on a plinth, and crowned with an entablature,) is 12 feet 6 inches high. Above the attic rises a base, which is nearly square; and, on the top of these, three steps are raised, with pedestals at each corner; and on the latter, figures or urns may be placed. The height of the base, steps, truncated pyramid, and ornament at the top, is 68 feet 8 inches.

PLATE XXXIII.—FLANK ELEVATION of the MAUSOLEUM. (P.) The whole length of this front, above the sub-plinth, at the base, is 128 feet 5 inches. The central part, extending to the rustics, is 43 feet 9 inches. The parts, forming the rustics on each side of the centre, are each 31 feet 9 inches, and the extreme piers 10 feet 7 inches. The widths of the square pillars, forming the centre, are 2 feet 9 inches. The part which stands on the steps above show the entrance into the interior, and between the three central intercolumniations the tomb is seen, which denotes where the head of the family lies.

PLATE XXXIV. represents a design for a MONUMENT, in the Grecian style, erected, in the year 1806, in the parish church of St. Benet, Gracechurch-street, London, at the expense of the late James Townley, Esq. of Ramsgate, and of Paul's Chain, Doctors' Commons, to the memory of an affectionate father and mother, the former of whom was many years the Rector of St. Benet's. The design is by Mr. Elsam, the architect, and it was executed, under his direction, by Richard Westmacott, Esq., Sculptor and Royal Academician, for the sum of fifty pounds.

XXXV.—REFERENCES TO THE PLATE WHICH REPRESENTS THE ROOFS OF ST. PANCRAS CHAPEL, OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, AND OF CAMDEN CHAPEL.

Figure 1.—The Roof of the new Gothic Chapel of St. Pancras, Somers' Town, near London.

Scantlings of Timbers.—A, Oblique Tie-beam, 11 inches by 7 inches; at bottom, 10 in. by 7 in., top cut asunder: B, Collar-Beam, 10 in. by 7 in.: C, Principal rafter, 10 in. by 7 in.; 9 in. by 7 in. at top: D, Common rafter, 5 in. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in.: E, Purlins, 6 in. by 7 in.: F, Pole Plates, $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $8\frac{1}{2}$ in.: G, Struts, 6 in. by 7 in.: H, Braces, 8 in. by 7 in.: I, Oblique braces, 6 in. by 7 in.: K, Ribs to ceiling, 7 in. by 5 in.

Figure 1, No. 1, Section through EF, to a larger scale.

Figure 1, No. 2, Section through GH, to a larger scale.

Figure 1, No. 3, Section through AB, to a larger scale.

Figure 1, No. 4, Section through CD, to a larger scale.

Figure 2.—Roof of St. Luke's Church, Old Street, London.

Scantlings of Timbers.—A, Double King-post of Oak, 9 inches by 5 inches each: B, Principal rafter, 8 in. by 7 in. at top, 6 in. by 7 in. at bottom: (N.B. *Very slight*;) C, Assisting rafter, 6 in. by 7 in.; D, Tie-beams, 14 in. by 12 in.; E, Hammer-beams, 12 in. by 12 in.; F, Stretching-beams, 10 in. by 8 in.; G, Queen-Posts of oak, 10 in. by 7 in.; H, Struts, 5 in. by 5 in.; I, Common rafters, 5 in. by 3 in.; K, Purlins, 8 in. by 6 in.; L, Wall-Plates 12 in. by 8; M, Poll-plates, 6 in. by 6 in.; Ridge-boards, 12 in. by 2½ in.; Hips, 12 in. by 2½ in.

Figure 3.—Roof of Camden Chapel, Camden Town, near London.

Figure 3, No. 1, Section through ef, to a larger scale.

Figure 3, No. 2, Section through cd, to a larger scale.

Scantlings of Timber.—A, Tie-beam, 14 inches by 9 inches: B, Queen-posts of oak, 8 in. by 7 in.: C, Small Posts of Oak, 7 in. by 7 in.: D, Struts, 7 in. by 7 in.: E, Small Struts, 6 in. by 6 in.: F, Principal Rafters, at top, 9 in. by 7 in.; at bottom, 11 in. by 7 in.: G, Common Rafters, 6 in. by 2½ in.; Horizontal Rafters to Flat, increased in depth to produce a proper current, 8 in. by 5 in.: H, Wall-Plate, 9 in. by 6 in.: J, Truss to Collar-beam, 5 in. by 3 in.: K, Collar-beam, 10 in. by 7 in.: L, Spiked to the sides of Tie-beam, 8 in. by 2 in.: M, Binders, 8 in. by 5 in.: N, Ceiling-joist, 3½ in. by 2½ in.: O, Abutment-piece, 5 in. by 5 in.

XXXVI.—REFERENCE TO THE PLATE OF TRUSSES, LATELY EXECUTED IN CAMDEN TOWN CHAPEL, NEAR LONDON.

Figure 1.—Truss to the Gallery at the west end, bearing on the Tower wall. H, Strut, 8 inches by 6 inches: J, Trimmer, 9 in. by 6 in.: K, Small Strut, 5 in. by 4 in.

Figure 2.—Truss to side Galleries. A, Bressummer, 10 inches by 8 inches: B, Girder, 10 in. by 8 in.: C, Binders, 13 in. by 3½ in.; D, Bridging-joist, 4½ in. by 3 in.; E, Truss, 6 in. by 4 in.: F, Carriage, 8 in. by 4 in.: G, King (Oak), 4 in. by 4 in.: H, Binders to Ceiling-joists, 7 in. by 5 in.: J, Ceiling-joists 3 in. by 2½ in.: K, Plate, 8 in. by 5 in.: L, Wall-plate, 12 in. by 6 in.

Figure 3.—End Gallery and Children's Gallery. A, Bressummer, 10 inches by 8 inches: B, Girders, 10 in. by 8 in.: C, Binders, 13 in. by 3 in.: D, Bridging-joist, 4 in. by 3 in.: E, Truss, 6 in. by 4 in.; F, Carriage, 8 in. by 5 in.: G, Bearer, 7 in. by 4 in.: H, Puncheons, 3½ in. by 3 in.: J, Binders to Ceiling-joists, 7 in. by 5 in.: K, Ceiling-joists, 3½ in. by 2½ in.: L, Plates, 9 in. by 6 in.: M, Oblique Girder, 12 in. by 8 in.: N, Carriage, 8 in. by 6 in.: O, Binders, 10 in. by 3 in.: P, Bridging-joist, 4 in. by 3 in.; Q, Binders to Ceiling-joists, 7 in. by 5 in.: R, Ceiling-joist, 3½ in. by 2½ in.: S, Plate, 12 by 8 in.

Figure 4.—Truss to the west end Gallery. T, Trusses, 6 inches by 4½ inches: V, Strainers, 5 in. by 4½ in.: X, Abutment-piece, at each end, 9 in. by 6 in.; ditto, in the middle, 7½ in. by 6 in.

XXXVII, XXXVIII, XXXIX; DESIGNS FOR SHOP-FRONTS, PLATES I, II, and III.; Windows, IV.; and a Chimney-piece, VI.

These designs for SHOP FRONTS, &c. in the present improved style, are too clear to require more than a simple notice. The adoption of either, in preference to the others, will, of course, depend on taste and local circumstances.

PLATE VI. of this series, represents a design for a Grecian Chimney-piece, adapted for a Dining Room. The ornaments in the pilasters represent ripe fruit: the tymphan of the pediment an antique wreath, with ribbons, the extremities of which are terminated by Grecian heads, taken from models in the British Museum. The design is by Mr. Elsam, the architect, under whose direction it has been executed by Peter Turnerelli, Esq., an eminent sculptor, many years patronized by the Royal Family and the most distinguished personages in these countries.

XL.—DESIGN (*on two plates*) for a COUNTY COURT-HOUSE and PRISON; by Mr. Elsam, the Architect. The DESIGN to which the explanation applies, has been studied with reference to all the conveniences which are usually required in Buildings of this description. It embraces the *Civil and Criminal Courts of Justice*, together with *Grand and Petty Jury-Rooms*, *Judges' Retiring-Rooms*, *Water-Closets*, *Witnesses'-Rooms*, *Clerks'-Offices*, &c.; adjacent to which Building are the proposed PRISONS, consisting of a *Gaoler's-House*, *Turnkeys'-Lodge*, *Prison Buildings* for *Debtors* and *Felons*, with a *Chapel*, *Infirmaries*, *airing grounds*, *passages*, and avenues of communications to the Court-House, and every requisite appendage for 300 prisoners. The entire of the Prisons, it is proposed, should be enclosed by an external and an internal boundary wall, to prevent the possibility of intrigues being carried on by persons from the outside, to effect escapes. Estimated expense, £70,000.

The arrangements of the interior of the *Court-House*, it is presumed, will not be considered injudicious; inasmuch as the two Courts of Justice are detached from each other, by a spacious and well lighted circular Hall in the centre, which will admit of the most spacious communications with every part of the building, not only on the ground-floor, but also in the upper story, wherein a Gallery is proposed to communicate with all the upper apartments, consisting of the Grand Jury's Dining-Room, Sheriff's-Offices, and such other conveniences as may be deemed requisite for the County Records; including rooms for the Housekeeper and attendants.

The PRISON consists of four wings, springing from a central building, which comprises several well-sized apartments, with a circular staircase in the centre, and passages of communication to every part of the building; each of which apartments, with the Chapel at the top, have windows diagonally situate, and commanding full views of the several Court-Yards; so that each Class of Prisoners may be inspected, not only on the ground-floor, but from each of the upper stories; and, as this part of the building is intended chiefly for the use of the resident Gaoler, or Inspector, it is presumed, that a Prison built upon this plan could not fail, with due attention, to be minutely inspected, and consequently very secure: more especially, when it is considered, that the approaches to the central point are, by means of the external avenues and the divisional passages, to be ascended by flights of steps; and, as shown, the internal Court-Yards in the form of quadrants, are intended to be elevated several feet above the Prisoners' airing grounds, in order to afford the Inspector, or Gaoler, the most convenient opportunities of viewing the interior of the Prisoners' Court-Yards, between the circular iron railings.

The Turnkey's-Lodge is proposed to be situate in the centre of the principal front of the boundary wall, and is intended to comprise suitable apartments for the Principal Turnkey and his family, with a hot and cold bath, fumigating room, and store-room for County cloathing, besides a place for public executions on a lead flat at the top.

The FOUR WINGS, or Prison Buildings, are each of them divided in the centre by a building similar to the central building before described, the former of which are intended for the under Turnkeys, and the superior description of Prisoners; each of which buildings have, also, circular staircases in their centres, with passages of communication to the several airing grounds, dining-halls, and work-rooms, which should be flagged or groined over in brick-work, and suitably fitted-up for the purposes intended. The upper stories of the several prison buildings are each alike; and, in the event of the design, or any portions thereof, being carried into effect, the spaces above stairs should be divided into the same number of compartments as the

groined arches or piers represent, which will produce the same number of sleeping cells on each of the three upper stories; and these, being flagged or vaulted over, and secured with barred iron window gratings, and strong door locks and bolts, may be considered perfectly secure.

The uppermost stories of the centre buildings comprise the Infirmary; and the lead flats, over the right and left hand wings, the airing places, for the convalescent to walk upon. Water-Closets should be provided within the buildings, and the utmost care taken to ventilate and well drain. If the Prison is situate near a running stream, it will be the more desirable, both as regards the health of the Gaoler and his inmates. This, and the mode of drainage, are subjects of the greatest importance; as is also the acquirement of good and wholesome spring water, which should be pumped daily into a central reservoir for the use of the Gaoler and his family, as well as for the numerous persons who may at times be confined within the walls of the Prison.

References to the Ground Plan.—A, Great Hall: B, Criminal Court: C, Civil, or Nisi Prius Court: D, Judges' Retiring Rooms: E, Petty Jury's Retiring Rooms: F, Staircases: G, Grand Jury Room: H, Clerks' Room: I, Witnesses' Room: K, Waiting Rooms: L, Clerk of the Peace's Office: M, Witnesses' Room: N, Clerks' Rooms: O, Portico: P, Yard of communication, with Privies: Q, Yard for females about to be tried: R, Yard for males about to be tried: S, airing grounds for eight classes of prisoners: T, Inspection-yards: V, Gaoler's house: U, Under-Turnkey's, and superior prisoners: W, Dining Halls and Work Rooms: X, Gaoler's passages of communication: Y, avenues between the boundary walls: Z, Turnkeys' Lodge, &c.

XLI.—DESIGN (*on two plates*) for a SMALL COUNTY PRISON; by Mr. Elsam, the Architect.—The DESIGN which accompanies this explanation, was executed at Cavan, in Ireland, in the year 1810, and cost £12,000. Since that period it has been adopted, with some deviations, in various parts of the United Kingdom; and latterly, the Design has been laid before the Prison Committee of the House of Commons, and other public bodies, who have been pleased to testify their approbation of the principle of its arrangements: and these circumstances have induced the author to extend its publicity, through the medium of this work, in the hope that it may induce other professional men to elicit their ideas upon the subject.

The PLAN comprises three wings, besides a central building, called the *Gaoler's house*, with a Turnkey's Lodge, situate in the principal front of the boundary-wall, which encloses the different airing grounds and the several buildings, as before described.

The centre building, on the ground floor, comprises the *Gaoler's apartments*, from whence the principal Court-Yards may be inspected. The first floor comprises the *Chapel*, to be divided and sub-divided as occasion may require; and the second floor, the *Infirmary*, to be divided in like manner. This building will also afford suitable accommodation for two or three female debtors.

The *Left Wing* will accommodate 16 debtors, with sleeping rooms in the upper stories; besides a spacious day room on the ground floor, which should be fitted up with every convenience the place will admit of, to ameliorate the condition of this class of unfortunate persons.

The *Right Wing* will also accommodate 16 prisoners, with sleeping cells in the upper stories, to be divided, as described in the references, for persons under their respective sentences; as likewise those for misdemeanors.

The *Rear Wing* will also accommodate 16 prisoners, accused of felony, with separate sleeping cells in the upper stories, besides day rooms on the ground floor; for each of which classes, the plan provides separate airing grounds, with detached privies.

The *Staircase*, in the centre, will communicate with every part of the building, through which the different classes of prisoners are proposed to be removed, alternately, from their respective day rooms and sleeping apartments, every morning and evening: by which arrangement it will be difficult for any prisoner to make an escape, and in this respect, the plan is different from any other design of the same description.

The *Turnkey's Lodge*, provides apartments for that officer, with sleeping cells for female felons, King's evidences; a room for county cloathing, a hot and cold bath, and a place for public executions in the most conspicuous part of the building: attached to which, are two airing grounds under the inspection of the Turnkey.

By the preceding distributions, it will be seen that a prison, built upon this plan, will conveniently lodge and secure from 50 to 60 prisoners, in the ratios of persons usually confined in small County Prisons, where the number of debtors, and the proportionate quantity of other prisoners, do not require an extensive classification.

References to the Ground Plan.—A, Gaoler's Apartments: B, Debtors' Day Room: C, Misdemeanors Day Room: D, Day Room for Prisoners under sentence: E, Day Room for accused Felons.

F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, Airing Grounds: F, for Debtors: G, for Misdemeanors: H, for Prisoners under sentence: I, for accused Felons: K, for King's evidence: L, for women Felons: M, for female Debtors: N, for refractory Prisoners: O, Turnkey's Hall, or Lodge: P, Hot and Cold Baths; Q, Fumigating Room, with an oven: R, Staircases: T, Privies.

The sleeping apartments for the Debtors, and cells for the Felons, are proposed to be in the upper stories; this is recommended, not only for the sake of security, but likewise to produce a free ventilation throughout, which cannot be better effected, than by the alternate removal of each class of prisoners from their several day rooms and sleeping apartments every morning and evening, in the manner before described, by means of the central staircase.

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS AND GENERAL INDEX.

WITH REFERENCES TO THE PAGES IN WHICH THE VARIOUS PARTICULARS ARE EXPLAINED;
AND INCLUDING AN EXPLANATION OF SUCH TERMS AS HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN PARTICULARLY DEFINED.

- AARON'S ROD**; an ornamental figure, representing a rod with a serpent twined about it, and, called by some, though improperly, the *Caduceus* of Mercury.
- Abacus**; the upper member of a capital of a column, serving as a kind of crown piece in the Grecian Doric, and a collection of members or mouldings in the other Orders. See *Q. Orders*, plate I., and page 467.
- Abreuvoir** or **Abrevoir**, in Masonry; the joint or junction of two stones; or the space or interstice to be filled up with mortar or cement. *Abreuvoir* also signifies a Bathing House or Place.
- Abutment** or **Butment**; 218, 328.
- Acanthus**; a plant, the English *Bear's Breech*, the leaves of which are represented in the capital of the Corinthian Order, &c. *Acanthine* means ornamented with leaves of the acanthus.
- Accessories**; in architectonical composition, those parts or ornaments, either designed or accidental, which are not apparently essential to the use and character of a building.
- Accompaniments**; subordinate buildings or ornaments.
- Accouplement**, in carpentry; a tie or brace, or the entire work when framed.
- Acropolis**; from the Greek: the highest part of a city, the citadel or fortress. The Acropolis, or citadel, of Athens is frequently noticed in the present work.
- Acroterium**; (plural, *Acroteria*) the extremity or vertex of any thing; a pedestal or base placed on the angle, or on the apex of a pediment, which may be for the support of a vase or statue.
- Ædes**; among the antients, an inferior kind of temple.
- Ægis**; in decoration, a shield or breast-plate, particularly that of Minerva.
- Ægricænes**; sculptures representing the heads and skulls of rams; commonly used as a decoration of antient altars, friezes, &c.
- Æneatorés**; sculptures representing military musicians.
- Ærial Perspective**; the representation of objects, weakened and diminished in proportion to the distance from the eye.
- Ætoma**; a pediment, or the *tympanum* of a pediment.
- Aile** or **Aisle**; a walk in a church, on the sides of the *nave*; the wings of a choir.
- Air-trap**; an opening for the escape and admission of air.
- Alcove**; a recess or part of a chamber, separated by an *estrade*, or partition of columns, and other corresponding ornaments.
- Archæostyle**; the greatest interval or distance that can be made between columns.
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- Alto-relievo** or **High-relief**; that kind or portion of sculpture which projects so much from the surface to which it is attached, as to appear nearly insulated. It is therefore used in comparison with *Mezzo-relievo*, or *Mean-relief*, and in opposition to *Basso-relievo* or *Low-relief*.
- Amphitheatre**; a spacious edifice, of a circular or oval form, in which the combats and shows of antiquity were exhibited.
- Amphora** (plural, *Amphoræ*); a vase or earthen jar, with two handles; among the antients, the usual receptacles of olives, grapes, oil, and wine. Hence, in decoration, *Amphoral* means shaped like an amphora or vase.
- Amulet**; in decoration, a figure or character to which miraculous powers are supposed to be attached, and which particularly distinguished the buildings of Egypt.
- Ancon**; in decoration, a curved drinking cup or horn. The arm of a chair.
- Anconés**; ornaments depending from the corona of Ionic door-ways, &c. The trusses, or *consoles*, or brackets, sometimes employed in the dressings of apertures, as an apparent support to the cornice, upon the flanks of the architrave.

Angels; brackets or corbels, with the figures or heads of angels.

Angle-Bar; the upright bar of a window, constructed on a polygonal plan, standing at the meeting of any two planes of the sides. A mullion.

Angle-Bracket. See *Bracketing*.

Angle-Chimney; a chimney in the angle, or in a side formed at an angle of the apartment.

Angle-Float. See *Float*, 390.

Angle-Rafter; in carpentry, otherwise Hip-rafter. See *Hip*.

Angular Capital; the modern Ionic or *Scammozian* capital, which is formed alike on all the four faces, so as to return at the angles of the building.

Annular-Vault; a vault rising from two circular walls; the vault of a circular corridor.

Annulet or Fillet; a small square member in the Doric capital, under the quarter-round. See *Orders*, O, Plate I. It is also used to imply a narrow flat moulding, common to the various parts of the columns, particularly their bases, capitals, &c.

Antæ; a species of pilasters common in the Grecian temples, but differing from pilasters, in general, both in their capitals and situation. See page 509, and *Orders*, plates XIII, XIV, XX, XXIV.

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Apron, in plumbing, the same as *Flashing*.

Arabesque or Moresque; something done after the manners of the Arabians or Moors, and destitute of human and animal figures.

Arcade; an aperture in a wall, with an arched head: it also signifies a range of apertures with arched heads. Arcades are frequently constructed as porticos, instead of Colonnades, being stronger, and less expensive. In the construction, care must be taken that the piers be sufficiently strong to resist the pressure of the arches, particularly those at the extremities. The arcades of the Romans were seen in triumphal arches, in theatres, amphitheatres, and aqueducts, and frequently in temples. They are common in the piazzas and squares of modern cities, and may be employed, with great propriety, in the courts of palaces, &c. For an application of the Orders to Arcades, see Plate XCII, annexed to the plates of *Orders*, but erroneously numbered.

Arc-boutants, or Boutants; arch-formed props, in Gothic churches, &c. for sustaining the vaults of the nave; their lower ends resting on the pilastered buttresses of the aisles, and their upper ends resisting the pressure of the middle vault, against the several springing points of the groins. They are, at times, called *flying-buttresses*, *arched buttresses*, and *arch butments*.

Arch; a part of a building supported at its extremities only, and concave towards the earth or horizon: but arches are either circular, elliptical, or *straight*: the last being so termed, but improperly,

by workmen. The terms *arch* and *vault* properly differ only in this, that the arch expresses a narrower, and the vault a broader, piece of the same kind.

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Arches, straight; heads of apertures which have a straight intrados in several pieces, with radiating joints, or bricks tapering downwards.

Archway.—See *Arch*, above.

Architectonic; something endowed with the power and skill of building, or calculated to assist the architect.

Architecture, antient, of Great Britain, recognized as the Gothic, Saxon, and Norman, modes of building, 514.

Architrave; a beam; that part of an entablature which lies immediately upon the capital or head of the columns. See pages 311, 444, 445, 453, 465, 467.

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B.

Back; generally that side of an object which is opposite to the face, or breast: but the *back of a handrail*, is the upper side of it; that of a rafter, is the upper side of it in the sloping plane of one side of a roof.

Back-shutters, or back-flaps; additional breadths hinged to the front-shutters, for completely closing the aperture, when the window is to be shut.

Back of a slate, 402.

Bagnio; the Italian name for a bath, or bathing-house: answering to the Greek *Balaneia*, and the Latin *Balneum*.

Balcony (from the French *Balcon*); an open gallery, projecting from the front of a building, and commonly constructed of iron or wood. When a portico or porch is surmounted with a balcony, it is commonly of stone, with iron or wood. See *Plates of Elevations*, I, III, IV, V, XV.

Baluster; a small kind of column or pillar, belonging to a *Balustrade*.

Balusters, in Joinery, 200.

Balustrade; a range of *Balusters*, supporting a cornice, and used as a parapet or screen, for concealing a roof or other object.

- Bande or Band; a narrow flat surface, having its face in a vertical plane: hence *Bandelet*, a little band, any flat moulding or fillet.
- Banded Column; a column encircled with *Bands*, or annular *rustics*.
- Bank of England, dome of, 314.
- Banker, in Masonry, 329.
- Banquet, 329.
- Barge Course; that part of the tiling which projects over the gable of a building, and is made up below with mortar.
- Barker, 402.
- Base; the lowest part of a figure or body.
- Base of a Column, 453, 466: *Orders, Plates I. XXII.*
- Bases and Surbases, 165.
- Bass, in Bricklaying, 384.
- Basso-relievo. See *Alto relievo*.
- Bastard Stucco. See *Stucco*.
- Batterdeau or Cofferdam, 329.
- Battens, 159.
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- Bay-Window; a window projecting from the front, in two or more planes, and not forming the segment of a circle.
- Bay, in plastering, 384.
- Bead, joinery, 219.
- Bead and butt, 164.
- flush, 164.
- quirk, 160.
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- Beads, 443.
- Beaking Joint, in Carpentry; a provincial term, denoting that the heading joints of the boards of a floor fall in the same straight line.
- Beam, tie-beam, &c. 219.
- Beam-filling; filling up the space, with stones or bricks, from the level of the under edges of the beams to that of their upper edges, &c.
- Bearers, 219.
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- Bearing, 219.
- Bearing-Wall or Partition; in a building, is a wall resting upon the solid, and supporting some other part, as another wall, &c.
- Beauty, or the harmonious disposition of the parts of buildings, 448.
- Bed of a brick, 384.
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- Bedding-stone, 384.
- Beech timber, 259.
- Belfry, antiently the *campanile*; the part of a steeple in which the bells are hung.
- Belvedere; a turret, look out, or observatory, commanding a fine prospect, and generally very ornamental.
- Bench, carpenter's, 219.
- Bevel, carpenter's, 219.
- Binding-Joists; those beams in a floor which support transversely the bridgings above, and the ceiling joists below.
- Binding-Rafters. The same as Purlins. See *Purlins*.
- Bird's mouth, 219.
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- Board, 219.
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- Boasting; in stone-cutting, paring the stone irregularly with a broad chisel and mallet; in carving, the rough cutting of the outline, before the incisions are made for the minuter parts.
- Bohemian Plate Glass, 421.
- Bond, English and Flemish, 347 to 356.
- in masonry, 329.
- or lap of a slate, 402.
- Bond-timbers, 219.
- Boning; in carpentry and masonry, the art of making a plane surface by the guidance of the eye. Joiners try up their work by *boning* with two straight-edges, which determine whether it be in or out of *Winding*; that is to say, whether the surface be twisted or a plane.
- Bosse or Boss, in sculpture; relief or prominence; hence *Bossage*, the projection of stones laid rough, to be afterwards carved into mouldings, capitals, or other ornaments. *Bossage* is also that which is otherwise called *Rustic work*; consisting of stones which seem to advance beyond the naked of a building, from indentures or channels left in the joinings; these are used chiefly in the corners of edifices, and thence called *Rustic quoins*.
- Bottom-Rail, 219.
- Boulder-Walls; those constructed of flints or pebbles, laid in strong mortar.
- Bow-Window; a window forming the segment of a circle.
- Boxings of a window, 220.
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 Broad-stone; the same as Free-stone.
 Buffet; an ornamented cupboard, or cabinet, for plate, glasses, china, &c.
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 Burrs; clinker bricks.
 Butment, see *Abutment*.
 Butt-end of timber; the largest end next to the root.
 Buttery; a store-room for provisions.
 Butting-Joint, 220.
 Buttress or Plaster Bricks; those made with a notch at one end, half the length of the brick, and used for binding work built with *great brick*.
 Buttresses, flying, &c. see *Arc-boutants*.

C.

CADUCEUS, an emblem or attribute of Mercury; a rod entwined by two-winged serpents.
 Caisson, in Masonry, 329.
 Camber; an arch on the top of an aperture, or on the top of a beam: whence *Camber-windows*, &c.
 Camber-beams, 129, 221.
 Campana; the body of the Corinthian capital.
 Campanæ, or Campanula, or Guttæ; the drops of the Doric architrave.
 Campanile; antient name for a belfry.
 Cantalivers, 221, 447.
 Cant-moulding; a bevelled surface, neither perpendicular to the horizon, nor to the vertical surface to which it may be attached.
 Cap, in joinery; the uppermost of an assemblage of parts; as the capital of a column, the cornice of a door, &c.
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 Carcase roofing; that which supports the covering by a grated frame of timber-work.
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 Caryatidæ or Caryatides; so called from the Caryatides, a people of Caria; an order of columns or pilasters, under the figures of women dressed in long robes, after the manner of the Carian people, and serving to support an entablature. This order is styled the *Caryatic*.
 Case of a Door; the frame in which the door is hung.

Casements; sashes or glass frames, opening on hinges, and revolving upon one of the vertical edges.
 Castellated; built in imitation of an antient castle.
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 Catacomb; a subterraneous place for the interment of the dead.
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 Chain-timber, in brick building; a timber of large dimensions placed in the middle of the height of a story, for imparting strength.
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 Chancel; the communion place, or that part of a Christian church between the altar and balustrade which incloses it.
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 Chaplet; a small carved or ornamented fillet.
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 Clinker, in bricklaying, 390.
 Cloacæ; the Roman name for sewers, drains, and sinks, conveying filth from the city into the river.
 Coarse stuff, in plastering, 390.
 Cocking or Cogging, 129.
 Coffe-dam; a hollow space, formed by a double range of piles, with clay rammed in between, for the purpose of constructing an entrance-lock to a canal, dock, or basin. See also *Batterdeau*.
 Cogging. See *Cocking*.
 Coin or Quoin; a corner or angle made by the two surfaces of a stone or brick building, whether external or internal.

- Collar; a ring or cincture.
 Collar-beam, 127.
 Colonnade; a range of columns, whether attached or insulated, and supporting an entablature.
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 Conservatory; a superior kind of Greenhouse, for valuable plants, &c., arranged in beds of earth, with ornamental borders.
 Console; a bracket or projecting body, shaped like a curve of contrary flexure, scrolled at the ends, and serving to support a cornice, bust, vase, or other ornament. Consoles are also called, according to their form, *ancones* or *trusses*, *mutules*, and *modillions*.
 Continued; uninterrupted; unbroken; as a continued attic, pedestal, &c., not broken by pilasters or columns.
 Contour; a French word for *Outline*.
 Coping; the stones laid on the top of a wall, to strengthen and defend it from injury.
 Corbels; carved work, representing baskets filled with fruit or flowers, and used as a finish to some elegant part of a building. This word is sometimes used to express the bell or vase of the Corinthian capital.
 Corbels; a horizontal row of stones or timber, fixed in a wall or on the side of a vault, for sustaining the timbers of a floor or of a roof; the ends projecting out six or eight inches, as occasion may require, in the manner of a shoulder-piece, and cut at the end according to fancy, in form of an ogee, &c., the upper side being flat. In the castellated style of architecture, the *Corbels* are a range of stones, projecting from a wall, for the purpose of supporting a parapet or superior part of the wall, which projects beyond the inferior part.
 Cornice; a crowning; any moulded projection which crowns or finishes the part to which it is attached. The Cornice of an order is a secondary member of the order itself, or a primary member of the entablature. The latter is divided into three principal parts, and the upper one is the *cornice*.
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 Cornucopia; the horn of plenty; represented in sculpture under the figure of a large horn out of which issue fruits, flowers, grain, &c.
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 Corridor; a long gallery or passage around a building, and leading to the several apartments.
 Counter-forts; projections of masonry from a wall, at certain regular distances, for strengthening it or resisting a pressure.
 Counter-gauge, in carpentry; a method of measuring joints by transferring the breadth of a mortise to the place of the other timber where the tenon is to be made.
 Counter-lath, in tiling; a lath placed, by eye, between every two gauged ones, so as to divide every interval into two equal parts.
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 Couples; rafters framed together in pairs, with a tie, which is generally fixed above the feet of the rafters.
 Course; a continued level range of stones or bricks, in a wall, &c.
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 Cove; any kind of concave moulding; also the concavity of a vault. Hence, a *coved* and *flat ceiling* is a ceiling of which the section is a portion of a circle, springing from the walls, and rising to a flat surface.
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 Coving; an exterior projecture, in an arched form, now disused. The covings of a fire-place are the inclined vertical parts on the sides, so formed for contracting the space, &c.
 Crockets; in the pointed style of architecture, the small ornaments placed equi-distantly along the angles of pediments, pinnacles, &c. See *Elevations*, pl. IX.
 Crosettes, in decoration; the trusses or consoles on the flanks of the architrave, under the cornice.
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 Crown; the uppermost member of a cornice, including the corona, &c. Of an arch, its most elevated line or point.
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 Crypt; an antient name for the lowest part or apartment of a building.
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 Cupola; a dome, arched roof, or turret.

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 Cusps; the pendants of a pointed arch, &c., two of which form a trefoil, three a quadrefoil, four a cinquefoil, &c. See *Elevations*, pl. X. and description of the same, page 565.
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 Die of a pedestal; the part comprehended between the base and cornice,
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 Diglyph; a tablet with two engravings or channels.
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 Diminished Bar, in joinery; the bar of a sash that is thinnest on the inner edge.
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 Dish-out; to form coves by means of ribs, or wooden vaults for plastering upon.
 Distemper; in painting, the working up of colours with something besides mere water and oil, as size, or other glutinous or unctuous substances.
 Ditriglyph; having two triglyphs over an intercolumn.
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 Double-hung sashes; in joinery, those of which the window contain two, and each moveable by means of weights and lines.
 Dove-tailing, in joinery, a method of fastening one piece of wood to another, by projecting bits, cut in the form of dove-tails in one piece, and let into corresponding hollows in another.
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 Dressings; all mouldings projecting beyond the naked of walls or ceilings.
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 Drops; in ornamental architecture, small pendent cylinders, or frustums of cones attached to a surface vertically, with the upper ends touching a horizontal surface, as in the cornice of the Doric order. See *Orders*, plates I, II, V.
 Drum or Vase, of the Corinthian and Composite capitals; the solid part to which the foliage and stalks, or ornaments, are attached.
 Drying oils, 411.
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 Dwarf-wainscotting; that wainscotting which does not reach to the usual height.
 Dwarf-walls; those of less height than the story of a building.
 Dye; the plain part of a pedestal, between the base and cornice.

E.

EAVES; the margin or edge of a roof, overhanging the walls.
 —, in slating, 402.
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 Elbows of a Window; the two flanks of panelled work, one under each shutter, and generally tongued or rebatted into the back.
 Embattled; a building with a parapet, having embrasures, and therefore resembling a battery or castle. See *Elevations*, plates VIII, IX, X.
 Embossing; forming work in relievo, whether cast, moulded, or cut with a chisel. See *Alto* and *Demi-relievo*.
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 Estrade; a French word for a public walk. In a room, a small elevation of the floor, frequently encompassed with a rail or alcove.
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F.

FAÇADE; the face or front of a building.
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 Facings; in joinery, those fixed parts of wood-work which cover the rough work of the interior sides of walls, &c.
 Falling-moulds; in joinery, the two moulds which are to be applied to the vertical sides of the rail-piece, in order to form the back and under surface of the rail, and finish the squaring.
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 Framing of a house; all the timber-work, comprehending the carcase flooring, partitioning, roofing, ceiling, beams, &c.
 Franking; in sash-making, is the operation of cutting a small excavation on the side of a bar for the reception of the transverse bar, so that no more of the wood be cut away than may suffice to show a mitre when the two bars are joined together.
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 Fret; a species of ornament, commonly composed of straight grooves or channelures at right angles to each other. The *labyrinth fret* has many turnings or angles, but in all cases the parts are parallel and perpendicular to each other. See *Plate of Frets*, attached to those of the Five Orders.

Frieze, or Frize, or Zophorus, 446, 475.
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 Frosted: a species of rustic work, representing ice formed by irregular drops of water.
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 Frowey timber; such as works freely to the plane, without tearing.

G.

GABLE; the triangular part of the wall of a house or building, immediately under the roof.
 Galilee; a porch constructed at or near the west end of the great abbey churches, where the monks and clergy assembled on proceeding to, and returning from, processions, &c.
 Gangway; in building, the temporary rough stair, set up for ascending or descending, before the regular stair is built.
 Gathering of the wings, in a chimney: the sloping part above the fire-place, where the funnel contracts or tapers.
 Gauge or Gage; in carpentry or joinery, a tool for drawing a line or lines on any side of a piece of stuff, parallel to one of the arrises of that side. See *Tools*.
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 Gorge; a concave moulding, much less recessed than a *scotia*. This word is sometimes used for the *cyma-recta*.
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 Griffin, or Griffon: a fabulous animal, sacred to Apollo, and mostly represented with the head and wings of an eagle, and the body, legs, and tail, of a lion. It was a common ornament of ancient temples.
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Groin; the hollow formed by the intersection of two or more simple vaults, crossing each other at the same height. Groins of different forms are distinguished by particular designations, as follow:

Conic Groin is a groin formed by the intersection of one portion of a cone with another.

Cono-conic Groin is one which is formed by the intersection of one conic vault piercing another of greater altitude.

Cylindric Groin; that which is formed by the intersection of one portion of a cylinder with another.

Cylindroidic Groin; that which is formed by the intersection of one portion of a cylinder with another.

Cylindro-cylindric Groin is that which is formed by the intersection of two unequal cylindric vaults.

Equi-angular Groin is that in which the several axes of the simple vaults form equal angles, around the same point, in the same horizontal plane.

Multangular Groin is that which is formed by three or more simple vaults piercing each other.

Rectangular Groin is that which has the axis of the simple vault in two vertical planes, at right angles to each other.

Spheric Groin is that which is formed by the intersection of one portion of a sphere with another.

Cylindro-spheric Groin; that which is formed by the intersection of a cylindric vault with a spheric vault; the spheric portion being of less height than the cylindric.

Sphero-cylindric Groin is that which is formed by the intersection of a cylindric vault with a spheric vault, the spheric portion being greater in height than the cylindric.

Groined ceiling; a cradling constructed of ribs, lathed and plastered.

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Grooving, in joinery, 159.

Grotesque; the light, gay, and beautiful, style of ornament, practised by the ancient Romans in the decoration of their palaces, baths, villas, &c. It is supposed to have originated from the hieroglyphics of Egypt, where the human body may be seen fantastically attached to foliage, vases, and other figures.

Ground glass, 420.

Ground-plate, or sill, 225.

Grounds, in carpentry, 225.

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H.

HALF-SPACE or resting place, 439.

Hall; a word commonly denoting a mansion or large public building, as well as the large room at the entrance. Hence *Guildhall*, *Town-Hall*, &c.

Hammer-beam; a transverse beam at the foot of the rafter, in the usual place of a tie.

Hanging of doors and shutters. See *Hingeing*.

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Heart-bond; in masonry, the lapping of one stone over two others, together making the breadth of a wall.

Helix; little scrolls in the Corinthian capital, also called *Urillæ*.

Hem; the projecting and spiral parts of the Ionic capital.

Hexastyle, 467.

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Hip-roof, 225.

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Hollow-wall; a wall built in two thicknesses, leaving a cavity between, which may be either for saving materials or for preserving an uniform temperature in apartments.

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Houses, rates of, 368. See *Elevations*, &c. plates I. to V.

Housing; the space excavated out of one body for the insertion of some part of the extremity of another, in order to unite or fasten the same together.

Hoveling; carrying up the sides of a chimney, so that when the wind rushes over the mouth, the smoke may escape below the current or against any one side of it.

I.

IMPOST or springing, 339, 444.

Intaglios; the carved work of an order or any part of an edifice, on which heads or other ornaments may be sculptured.

Intercolumn; the open area or space between two columns.

Intercolumniation, 466.

Inter-dentils; the space between dentils.

Inter-fenestration; the space between windows.

Inter-joist; the space between joists.

Inter-pilaster; the space between pilasters.

Inter-quarter; the space between two quarters.

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J.

JACK-PLANE. See *Tools in Carpentry*.

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Jambs, the vertical sides of an aperture, as of doors, windows, &c.

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Jamb-lining; the lining of a jamb.

Jamb-post ; a post fixed on the side of a door, &c. and to which the jamb-lining is attached.

Jamb-stones ; in walls, those used in building the sides of an aperture, and of which every alternate stone should have the whole thickness of the wall.

Jettée or Jetty, in Masonry, 338.

Jibb-doors, 183.

Joggle ; the joint of two substances, as of wood, &c. so formed as to prevent their sliding past each other. See page 128.

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Joggle-piece, in carpentry, 225.

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K.

KEEP ; in a castle, the middle or principal tower.

Kerf, in carpentry, 226.

Keyed-dado ; dado, secured from warping by bars grooved into the back.

Keys ; in naked flooring, are pieces of timber framed in, between every two joists, by mortise and tenon. If driven fast between each pair, with the ends butting against the grain of the joists, they are denominated *strutting pieces*.

Keys ; in joinery, pieces of wood let, transversely, into the back of a board, especially when made of several breadths of timber, either by dove-tailing or grooving.

Key-stone, 339.

King-post, 126, 226.

Knee, 226.

Knot, 226.

Knotting ; in painting, the process for preventing knots from appearing in the finish.

L.

LABEL ; an ornament placed over a window or other aperture, generally in a castellated building, and consisting of a horizontal portion over the head, with a part at each end returning downwards at a right-angle : the latter may be terminated by a bead, but it more frequently returns again at a right-angle outwards or horizontally. See *Plates of Elevations*, VIII, IX, X, XIV.

Labyrinth : an intricate building, so contrived by its meandering form, as to render it difficult for those who have entered, to find the way out again. Hence a *Labyrinth-fret*, a fret with many turnings, which was a favourite ornament of the antients. See *Fret*.

Lacunaræ, or Lacunars ; panels or coffers formed on the ceilings of apartments, and sometimes on the soffits of coronæ in the Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite, orders.

Lancet-arch ; the same as *pointed arch*.

Landing of Stairs, 433, 439.

Lantern ; a turret raised above the roof, with windows round the sides, constructed for lighting an apartment beneath.

Larmier or Larmer. See *Corona*.

Lath-bricks ; a sort of bricks, much longer than the ordinary sort, and used for drying malt upon.

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Ledgers ; in scaffolding for brick buildings, the horizontal pieces of timber parallel to the wall, and fastened to the *standards* by cords, for supporting the *putlogs*. On the last are laid the boards for working upon.

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Lever-boards ; a set of boards, parallel to each other, so connected together that they may be turned to any angle, for the admission of more or less air or light ; or so as to lap upon each other and exclude both.

Lime, 369.

Lime and Hair, 392.

Lime-wood, 262.

Lining ; the covering of the interior surface of a hollow body, and used in opposition to *casing* the exterior surface.

Lining of a wall, 226.

Lining-out : drawing lines on a piece of timber, &c. so as to cut it into boards, planks, or other figures.

Linseed oil, 411.

Lintels, in carpentry, 226.

Listing ; in carpentry and joinery, the act of cutting away the sap-wood from one or both edges of a board.

Litharge, 410.

Lobby ; a small hall or waiting-room, or the entrance into a principal apartment.

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Lower-rail, 226.

Luffer-board ; a series of boards placed in an aperture, very frequently in lanterns, so as to admit air into the interior, and to exclude rain.

Lunette ; an aperture in a cylindric, cylindroidic, or spherical, ceiling ; the head of the aperture being also cylindric or cylindroidic.

Luthern ; a kind of window, over the cornice, in the roof of a building, formed perpendicularly over the naked of the wall, for the purpose of illuminating the upper story. They are denominated according to their forms, as square, semi-circular, bull's eyes, &c.

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M.

MAHOGANY timber, 262.

Mansion; a large dwelling house or habitation: the chief house of a manor, &c.

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Mantles of fire-places, 434.

Mantle-tree; the lower part of the breast of a chimney, now by law, in disuse; an iron bar, or brick, or stone, being substituted.

Marble; a species of lime-stone, too well known to require description. It is found in almost every part of the world, more especially Italy, but there are many fine varieties in Great Britain and Ireland.

Margins or Margents, 226.

Margin of a course, in slating, 402.

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Mechanical powers; such implements or machines as are used for raising greater weights, or overcoming greater resistances, than could be effected by the natural strength without them. The simple machines, called *Mechanical powers*, are six in number; viz., the lever, the wheel and axle, the pulleys, the inclined plane, the wedge, and the screw: and of these all the most compound engines consist.

The general principle is, that the power or advantage gained by any of these machines, be it ever so simple, or ever so compound, is as great as the space moved through by the working power is greater than the space through which the weight or resistance moves during the time of working. Thus, if that part of the machine to which the working power is applied moves through 10, 20, or 1000, times as much space as the weight moves through in the same time, a person who has just strength enough to work the machine will raise 10, 20, or 1000, times as much by it as he could do by his natural strength without it: but then *the time lost will be always as great as the power gained*: for it will require 10, 20, or 1000, times as much time for the power to move through that number of feet or inches as it would do to move through one foot, or one inch, &c.

Medallion; a circular tablet, ornamented with embossed or carved figures, bustos, &c.

Member; any part of an edifice or of a moulding.

Members of which an Order is composed, 453.

Meros; the middle part of a triglyph. See *Triglyph*.

Metope; in the Doric frieze, the square piece or interval between the triglyphs, or between one triglyph and another. The metopes are sometimes left naked, but are more commonly adorned with sculpture. When there is less space than the com-

mon metope, which is square, as at the corner of the frieze, it is called a *semi* or *demi-metope*. See *Orders*, plates III. and V.

Mezzanine or Intersole, 438.

Mezzo-relievo or Demi-relievo; sculpture in half relief. See *Alto-relievo*.

Middle Post; in a roof, the same as *King Post*.

Middle Rail, 226.

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Minnaret; a Turkish steeple with a balcony.

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Monopteron, or Monoptral Temple; an edifice consisting of a circular colonnade, supporting a dome, without any inclosing wall.

Monotriglyph; having only one triglyph between two adjoining columns: the general practice in the Grecian Doric.

Monument, sepulchral, design for, 474. *Elevations*, &c. plate XXXIV.

Moresque, or Moresk. See *Arabesque*.

Mortar, 392. See *Cement*.

Mortise, 159; Mortise and tenon, 227.

Mosaic, or Mosaic Work; an assemblage or combination of small pieces of marble, glass, stones, &c., of various colours and forms, cemented on a ground so as to imitate paintings. Mosaic work of marble, which is, from its nature, very expensive, may be frequently found in the pavements of temples, palaces, &c.

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Moulds for hand-rails, 207.

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Museum; originally a palace at Alexandria, which occupied a considerable part of the city; it was thus named from its being dedicated to the *Muses*, and appropriated to the cultivation of the sciences and of general knowledge.

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N.

NAILS, 402.

Naked of a Wall or Column; the plain surface, in distinction from the ornaments. Thus the *Naked of a Wall* is the flat plain surface that receives the mouldings; and the naked of a column or pilaster is its base surface. See 339, 444.

Naked flooring, 118, 128.

Nave; the body of a church, reaching from the choir or chancel to the principal door.

Nebule; a zigzag ornament, but without angles, frequently found in the remains of Saxon architecture.

Neck of a capital; the space between the channelures and the annulets of the Grecian Doric capital. In the Roman Doric, the space between the astragal and annulet. See *Orders*, plates I, II, and III.

Nerves; the mouldings of the groined ribs of Gothic vaults.

Newel of a stair-case, 228, 439, 441.

Niche; from an Italian word, signifying a *shell*; a hollow formed in a wall, for receiving a statue, &c. 441. An *Angular Niche* is one formed in the corner of a building: A *Ground Niche*, one having its rise from the ground, without a base or dado.

Niches; in carpentry, 134: in brickwork, 359.

Nogs; a provincial term, signifying what are otherwise called *Wood-bricks*.

Nogging. See *Brick-nogging*.

Nosing of a step, 438.

Notch-board, in stairs, 189.

O.

OAK timber, 257.

Obelisk; a quadrangular pyramid, high and slender, raised as a monument or ornament, and commonly charged with inscriptions and ornaments.

Octastyle, 467.

Odeum; among the ancients, a place for the rehearsal of music and other particular purposes.

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Ogee; a moulding of two members, one concave, the other convex. It is otherwise called a *cymatium*: in joinery, 228.

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Oriel-window; a projecting angular window, commonly of a triangular or pentagonal form, and divided by mullions and transoms into different bays and compartments.

Ornamental Masonry, 308.

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Orthogonal; the same as *Rectangular*.

Orthography; an elevation, showing all the parts of a building in true proportion.

Ova; an ornament in form of an egg. *Oviculum* is its diminutive.

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Out of winding; perfectly smooth and even, or forming a true plane.

Out to out; to the extremities or utmost bounds; as in taking dimensions.

P.

PAGODA, or Pagod; an Indian temple, common in Hindoostan and the countries to the east. These structures, dedicated to idolatry, are mostly of stone, square, not very lofty, without windows, and crowned with a cupola.

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Palace; a name generally given to the dwellings of kings, princes, bishops, &c.

Pale; a pointed stake, and piece of board, used in making enclosures. Hence a *Paling Fence* is that sort of fence which is constructed with pales. See *Post and Paling*.

Paling for trees: a sort of fencing for separate trees, formed by three small posts, connected with cross bars.

Palisade; pales or stakes set up for an enclosure.

Pallier, or Paillier; a French term, signifying a landing-place in a stair-case, which, being broader than the rest of the stairs, serves as a resting-place.

Pallification, or Piling; the act of piling ground-work, or strengthening it with piles.

Panel, 228, 444.

Panels, in joinery, 160.

Pantheon; a temple of a circular form, originally pagan.

Parapet; a dwarf wall, generally raised to prevent accidents.

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Parget; the several kinds of gypsum or plaster stone, of which *Plaster of Paris* is composed.

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Paternosters; a sort of ornament in form of beads, round or oval, on astragals, &c.

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Pavilion; a kind of turret or building, usually insulated and contained under a single roof; sometimes square, and sometimes in the form of a dome: thus called from the resemblance of its roof to a tent.

Paving, 339.

Pedestal: a square body of stone or other material, raised to sustain a column, statue, &c. It is, therefore, the base or lowest part of an order of columns. A *Square Pedestal* is that of which the height and width are equal: a *Double Pedestal*, that which supports two columns, and therefore is greater in width than height: a *Continued Pedestal* is that which supports a row of columns, without any break.

Pediment; an ornament, properly of a low triangular figure, crowning the front of a building, and serving often also as a decoration over doors, windows, and niches. Though the original and natural form of the pediment be triangular, it is sometimes

- formed as a segment of a circle, and sometimes broke to let in busts or figures. The pediment consists of its *tympanum* and *cornice*; the tympanum is the panel, which may be either plain or ornamented. The cornice crowns this tympanum.
- Pendent Bridge; a wooden bridge supported by posts and pillars, and suspended only by butments at the ends.
- Pendentive; the whole body of a vault, suspended out of the perpendicular of the walls, and bearing against the *arc-boutants*.
- Pendentive Cradling; the timber-work, in arched or vaulted ceilings, for sustaining the lath and plaster. The term *Dishing-out* is sometimes used instead of *Cradling*.
- Pendentive Bracketting, 148.
- Pentastyle; a work containing five rows of columns.
- Periptere; a building encompassed with columns, which form a kind of aisle all round it. It is thus distinguished from a building which has columns only before it, by the Greeks called a *Prostyle*, and from one that has none at the sides, called an *Amphi-prostyle*. The space, or aisle, in a periptere, between the columns and the wall, was called the *Peridrome*.
- Peristyle; among the ancients, the converse of Periptere, a continued row of columns *within* the buildings: among the moderns, a range of columns, either within or without the same.
- Persians; statues of men, serving instead of columns, to support entablatures. They differ from the *Caryatides*, inasmuch as the latter represent women only.
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- Piazza; a portico, or covered walk, supported by arches.
- Pier; a square pillar, without any regular base or capital.
- Piers, 429: in houses, 339: of a bridge, 339.
- Pigs of lead, 404.
- Pilasters, 309, 446: a *Demi-pilaster* is one that supports an arch: pilaster, in joinery, 165.
- , flutes and fillets of, 167, 447.
- , practice of, and Greek antæ, 509.
- Piles, 339.
- Pile-planks; planks of which the ends are sharpened, so as to enter into the bottom of a canal, &c.
- Pillar; a column of an irregular make; not formed according to rules, but of arbitrary proportions; free or insulated in every part, and always deviating from the measures of regular columns. This is the distinction of the *pillar* from the *column*. A square pillar is commonly called a *pier*. A butting pillar is a butment or body of masonry, erected to prop, or to sustain, the thrust of a vault, arch, &c.
- Pinnacle; the top or roof of a building, terminating in a point.
- Pipes of lead, 407.
- Pitch of an arch, 339: of a roof, 228.
- Pitching-piece, in stairs, 189.
- Plank and planks, 159, 228.
- Planks, joining of, 160.
- Planting; laying the first courses of stone in a foundation, with all possible accuracy.
- Plaster, 392.
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- Plastering in general, 369.
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- Platband; any flat square moulding, of which the height much exceeds its projecture. See *Fasciæ*. The *platband* of a door or window, is used for the lintel, where that is made square or not much arched. *Platbands* of flutings are the list or fillets between the flutings of columns.
- Plates, floor or roof, 228.
- Plate-glass, 420.
- Platform; a row of beams, supporting the timber-work of a roof, and lying at the top of the wall where the entablature ought to be raised: also a flat terrace on the top of a building.
- Plinth; the square piece under the mouldings in the bases of columns. The *plinth* terminates the column with its base at the bottom, as the *abacus* does with its capital at the top: but the abacus, in the Tuscan order, being plain, square, and massy, has been called the plinth of that capital. The plinth of a statue, &c. is a base serving to support it and its pedestal. See, farther, pages 312, 467, 474.
- Plugs; pieces of timber, driven perpendicularly into a wall, and having the projecting part sawn away, so to be flush with the face.
- Plumbery, or Plumbing in general, 403.
- Plumber's tools, 403.
- Pointed-arch; an arch so pointed at the top as to resemble the point of a lance.
- Pointed architecture; that style vulgarly called *Gothic*, more properly English.
- Pole-plate, 128.
- Poplar-wood, 262.
- Porch; the kind of vestibule at the entrance of temples, halls, churches, &c.
- Portail; the face of a church, on the side in which the great door is formed; also the gate of a castle, palace, &c.
- Portal; a little gate, where there are two of a different size: also a kind of arch, of joiner's work, before a door.
- Portico; a covered walk, porch, or piazza, supported by columns.
- Porticos, the most esteemed, 467.
- Post and Paling; a close wooden fence, constructed of posts set into the ground and pales nailed to rails between them. The part of the post intended to be inserted in the ground should be charred, or superficially burnt, in order to prevent decay.
- Posts and Railing; an open wooden fence, consisting of posts and rails only.
- Posticum; a postern-gate or back-door.
- Postcenium; in an ancient theatre, a back room or place for dressing in, &c.
- Posts, in carpentry, 229.
- Postulates, 15.

Powderings; a species of device for filling up vacant spaces in carved works, &c.
 Prick-posts, 229.
 Pricking-up, 373, 392.
 Priming; in Painting, the laying on of the first colour.
 Principal Brace; a brace immediately under the chief rafters or parallel to them. See *Brace*.
 Principal Rafters. See *Rafters*.
 Priory; a religious house or institution, at the head of which is a prior or prioress.
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 Profile; the figure or draught of a building, &c.; also the general contour or outline.
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 Projecture; the outjetting, or prominence, which the mouldings and other ornaments have beyond the naked of the wall, &c.
 Pronaos; an antient name for a porch to a temple or other spacious building.
 Proscenium; in a theatre, the stage, or the front of it.
 Prostyle; a range of columns in front of a temple.
 Prothyrium; a porch or portal at the outer door.
 Protractor, 559.
 Pudlaies, 229.
 Pugging, in bricklaying, 392.
 Pug-piling; dove-tailed or pile-planking.
 Pumps, leaden, 408.
 Punchions, in carpentry, 229.
 Purfled; ornamented in a manner resembling drapery, embroidery, or lace-work.
 Purlins, 128, 229.
 ———, in circular roofs, 152.
 Putlogs or Putlocks; in scaffolding, the transverse pieces, at right angles to the wall. See *Ledgers*.
 Push of an arch. See *Drift*.
 Putty, plasterer's, 392: glazier's, 420.
 Puzzolana; a substance composed of volcanic ashes, named from *Puzzuolo*, in Italy, where it abounds, and celebrated as a principal ingredient in cements. When mixed with a small proportion of lime it quickly hardens, and this induration takes place even under water. See *Cements*.
 Pycnostyle, 466.
 Pyramid; a solid massive structure, which, from a square, triangular, or other base, rises diminishing to a vertex or point.

Q.

QUADRA; any square border or frame encompassing a basso relievo, panel, &c.
 Quadrangle; a figure having four sides and four angles: a square is, therefore, a regular quadrangle, and a trapezium an irregular one.

Quadrefoil Arch, 565, and *Elevations*, &c., plate X.
 Quarry, 339.
 Quarry also means a pane of glass, in a lozenge or diamond form.
 Quarter-round, 161.
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 Quarters, 229.
 Quarter-spaces, in stairs, 440.
 Queen-posts, 127.
 Quirk; a piece of ground taken out of any regular ground-plot or floor. Thus, if the ground-plot were oblong or square, a corner-piece separated from it, to make a court, yard, &c. is called a *quirk*.
 Quirk, in joinery, &c., 160, 161, 472: Quirked ovolo, 162. See *Ovolo*.
 Quirk-mouldings are the convex parts of Grecian mouldings, where they recede at the top, and form a re-entrant angle with the soffit which covers the moulding.
 Quoin, external or internal, 426, 429. The name is particularly applied to the stones at the corners of brick buildings. When these stand out beyond the brick-work, with edges chamfered, they are called *Rustic Quoins*.

R.

RABETTING. See *Rebating*.
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 ———, principal, 125.
 ———, common, 128.
 Rails, in joinery, 229.
 Raiser; a board set on edge under the foreside of a step or stair.
 Raising-pieces; pieces that lie under the beams and over the posts or punchions.
 Raising-plates or Top-plates, 229.
 Raking moulding; a moulding whose arrises are inclined to the horizon in any given angle, 173, 174.
 Ramp; in hand-railing, a concavity on the upper side, formed over risers, or over half or quarter space, by a sudden rise of the steps above.
 Rampant arch; an arch, of which the abutments spring from an inclined plane.
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 Reed; Reeded; 161.
 Reglet, or Riglet; a flat narrow moulding, used chiefly in compartments and panels to separate the parts or members, and to form knots, frets, &c.
 Regrating; in masonry, taking off the outer surface of an old hewn stone, so as to make it look new again.
 Rejointing; in masonry, the filling up of the joints of stones in old buildings, when worn hollow by time and weather.
 Relievo, Relief, or Embossment. See *Altro-relievo*, &c.
 Rendered and set, in plastering, 374, 393.

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 Reservoirs, leaden, 408.
 Resault; a French word signifying projecting or receding from a line or general range.
 Return, 229.
 Return-bead; a bead which appears on the edge and face of a piece of stuff in the same manner; forming a *double quirk*.
 Revels, pronounced *Reveals*; the vertical retreating surface of an aperture, as the two vertical sides between the front of the wall and the windows or door-frame.
 Rib; a curved or arch-formed timber.
 Ribbing; the whole of the timber-work for sustaining a vaulted or coved ceiling.
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 Rood-loft; in ancient cathedral and abbey churches, the gallery over the entrance into the choir.
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 Rose; an ornament in the form of a rose, found chiefly in cornices, friezes, &c.
 Rotondo or Rotunda; a common name for any circular building.
 Rough-casting, 380, 393.
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 Rough-rendering, 393.
 Rough-strings, 189.
 Rough-stucco, 393.
 Rubble-wall; a wall built of unhewn stone, whether with or without mortar.
 Rudenture; the figure of a rope, or of a staff, whether plain or carved, with which a third part of the fluting of columns is frequently filled up. It is sometimes called *cabling*: hence the columns are said to be *cabled* or *rudented*.
 Ruderated; in paving, &c., laid with pebbles or little stones.
 Rustic buildings; one constructed in the simplest manner, and apparently more agreeable to the face of nature than the rules of art. Rustic work and rustic quoins are commonly used in the basement part of a building.
 Rusticating, 311.

Rustic-work; that exhibited on the face of stones, which, instead of being smooth, are hatched or picked (*frosted* or *vermiculated*,) with a point of a tool, &c.

S.

SAGGING; bending downwards in the middle, from a horizontal direction; as a long plank laid horizontally, and supported at each end only: 124.
 Sagitta; a name by some used for the key-piece of an arch.
 Sail-over, 393.
 Sally or Projecture. See *Bird's Mouth*.
 Saloon; a spacious, lofty, and elegant, hall or apartment, vaulted at top, and generally having two ranges of windows. A state-room common in the palaces of Italy.
 Sand-stone, 286.
 Sapheta; a soffit. See *Soffit*.
 Sarcophagus; a tomb of stone, in general highly decorated, and used by the antients to contain the dead bodies of distinguished personages.
 Sash; a frame for holding the panes or squares of glass in windows: too well known to require description. See *Windows*.
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 Scribing; adjusting the edge of a board, so that it shall fit and correspond with a given surface. In joinery, the act of fitting one piece of wood upon another, so that the fibres of one may be perpendicular to those of the other. For a different method, see *Mitring*.
 Scroll. See *Volute*.
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 Sealing; fixing a piece of wood or iron in a wall, with mortar lead, or other binding, for staples, hinges, &c.
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 Section of a building; a representation of it, as vertically divided into two parts, so as to exhibit the construction of the interior.
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 Sesspool, or Cesspool; a deep hole or well, under the mouth of a drain, for the reception of sediment, &c., by which the drain might be choked.
 Set-fair, Setting, Setting-coat, and Set-work, in plastering, 393.
 Sewer; a common drain or conduct for conveying foul water, &c.

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 — chimney; the turret above the roof.
 Shaken stuff, 230.
 Sham-door; in joinery, a panel of frame-work that appears like a door, but does not open.
 Shanks; the interstitial spaces between the channels of the triglyph, in the Doric frieze: sometimes called *Legs*.
 Sheet-lead, laying of, 407.
 Shingles, 230.
 Shoar; an oblique prop, acting as a brace upon the side of a building.
 Shoar, dead. See *Dead-shoar*.
 Shoe; the part at the bottom of a water trunk or pipe, for turning the course of the water.
 Shoot of an arch. See *Drift*.
 Shop-fronts, designs for, 575, and *Elevations, second series, plates I, II, III*.
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 Side-posts; in roofing, a sort of truss-posts, placed in pairs, each post being fixed at the same distance as the rest from the middle of the truss.
 Sills or Cills, 310.
 Single-hung; in window-sashes, when one only is moveable.
 Single-measure; in doors, means square on both sides, in opposition to *double-measure*, which signifies moulded on both sides. If moulded on one side, and square on the other, it is expressed by *measure and half*.
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 Slating, in general, 395.
 Slater's tools, 400.
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 Slit-deal; an inch deal cut into two leaves or boards.
 Socle, or Zocle; a square piece, broader than it is high, placed under the bases of pedestals, &c., to support vases, and other ornaments. As there is a *Continued Pedestal*, so is there, also, a *Continued Socle*. See *Pedestal*.
 Soffita, or Soffit; any timber ceiling, formed of cross-beams of flying cornices, the square compartments or panels of which are enriched with sculpture or painting. *Soffit* also means the under side of an architrave, and that of the corona, or drip, &c.; also, the horizontal undersides of the heads of apertures, as of doors and windows.
 Soffit, of stairs, 441.
 Solder, plumber's, 406.
 Sommering; the continuation of the joints of arches towards a centre or meeting point.
 Sorting, in slating, 402.
 Southwark Bridge, 293.
 Span of an arch, 340.
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 Span-roof; a simple roof, consisting of two inclined sides.
 Spars, 230.
 Spherical and Spheroidal Bracketing; brackets formed to support lath and plaster, so that the outer surface shall be spherical or spheroidal.
 Sphinx; a favourite ornament in Egyptian architecture, representing the monster, half woman and half beast, said to have been born of Typhon and Echidna.
 Splayed; one side making an oblique angle with the other, as *Splays* or *Splaying Jambs*, 429.
 Springing-course; the horizontal course from which an arch begins to spring, or the rows of stones upon which the first arch-stones are laid.
 Springing-points, 428.
 Square, in geometry, 12: but, among workmen, it commonly means that one side or surface is perpendicular to another. In joinery, the work is said to be framed square, when the framing has all the angles of its styles, rails, and mountings, square, without mouldings.
 Square of building, 368, is 100 superficial feet measured on the surface of the ground.
 Square-root, extraction of, 555.
 Squaring hand-rails; the method of cutting a plank to the form of a rail for a stair-case, so that all the vertical sections may be rectangles.
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 —, curtail step, 189.
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 Standards; the upright poles used in scaffolding. In joinery, the upright pieces of a plate-rack.
 Staves; in joinery, the boards that are united laterally, in order to form a hollow cylinder, cone, &c. In stables, the cylinders or *rounds* forming the hay-rack.
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 Story-posts; upright timbers, chiefly in sheds and workshops, and so disposed, with a beam over them, as to support the superincumbent part of the exterior wall.
 Straining cill, 127.
 Stretchers, in masonry and bricklaying, 340, 356.
 Striæ; the fillets or rays separating the furrows or grooves of fluted columns.
 Striges; the channels of a fluted column.
 String-board; in stairing, a board placed next to the well-hole, and terminating the ends of the steps.
 Strings of stairs, 441.
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 Stud-work. See *Bricknogging*.
 Stuff, in joinery, 159, 230.
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 Summer-tree; a beam full of mortises to receive the ends of joists, and to which the girders are framed.
 Sunk shelves; in pantries, &c., shelves having a groove to prevent the plates, set up on edge, from sliding off.
 Surbaces and Bases, 165.
 Swallow-tail; a mode of uniting two pieces of timber so strongly that they cannot fall asunder. See *Dovetail*.
 Sycamore wood, 262.
 Systyle, an intercolumniation of two diameters, 466.

T.

TABLE, projecting or raised; a flat surface, sometimes ornamented, which projects from the surface of a wall. See *Tablet*.
 Table, raking; one not perpendicular to the horizon.
 Table rusticated. See *Rusticated*.
 Table of Glass; the circular plate, before it is cut or divided. Twenty-four such make a *case*.
 Tabled; cut into, or formed like, tables.
 Tablet, what, 444.
 Tænia, or Tenia; a small square fillet, at the top of the architrave, in the Doric capital.
 Tail of a slate, 402.
 Tail in; to fasten any thing into a wall at one end, as steps, &c. In joinery, commonly called *housing*.
 Tail-trimmer; a trimmer next to the wall, into which the ends of joists are fastened.
 Tailing; the part of a projecting brick, &c. inserted in a wall.
 Talon, 468, 469.
 Talus; the slope or inclination of a wall, among workmen called *Battering*. If the wall inclines beyond the perpendicular of its base, it is called *hanging*.
 Tambour; from a word signifying a drum, and meaning the naked of a Corinthian or Composite capital: also the wall of a circular temple, surrounded with

columns. The same word signifies a place inclosed with folding doors, to break the current of air from without, at the entrances of churches, &c.
 Taper, 230.
 Tarras, or Terras: a strong mortar or plaster, used in aquatic works.
 Tassels; the pieces of timber that lie under the mantle-tree; common in the country. See *Torsel*.
 Teaze-tenon; a tenon upon the top of a post for supporting two level pieces of timber at right angles to each other.
 Telamones; a Roman term for the figures of men supporting a cornice, &c. The same as the *Atlantidæ* and *Persians* of the Greeks. See *Persians*.
 Templet, 389.
 Tenon. See *Mortise*.
 Terminus (plural *Termini*); a trunk or pedestal, sculptured at top into the figure of the head of a man, woman, or satyr, whose body seems to be inclosed in the trunk, as in a sheath. The latter is called the *Vagina*.
 Terrace; an elevated area for walking upon, and sometimes meaning a balcony.
 Terrace-roofs; roofs flat on the top.
 Tessellated pavement; a curious pavement of Mosaic work, composed of small square stones, bricks, &c. called *tesselæ*.
 Tessera; a cube or dye: also a modern composition for covering flat roofs.
 Testudinal Ceilings: those formed like the back of a tortoise.
 Tetrastyeche; a gallery with four rows of pillars.
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 Thorough-lighted; in rooms, those having windows on opposite sides.
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 Three times and flat, in painting, 417.
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 Tiles; the artificial stones used in covering buildings. *Plane-tiles* and *Crown-tiles* are of a rectangular form, with a flat surface, of which the dimensions are about 10½ inches long, 6 broad, end five-eighths thick: weight from 2 lbs. to 2½ lbs.
Ridge-tiles or *Roof-tiles*, are those of a cylindric form, and used for covering the ridges of houses. Of these the dimensions are 12 inches long, 10 broad, and five-eighths thick: weight, about 4½ lbs. Those covering the angle formed by two sloping sides are called *hip-tiles*.
Gutter-tiles, formed according to the purpose for which they are intended, are of the same weight as the ridge-tiles.
Pan-tiles are those having each surface, both concave and convex; they are hung on the lath, by means of a ledge formed on the upper end. The usual size is 14½ inches long and 10 broad. Weight, from 5 to 5½ lbs.

- Tile-creasing; two rows of tiles fixed horizontally under the coping of a wall, for discharging rain-water.
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- Timbers, lengthening of, 120.
- Ton of timber; about 40 square feet.
- Tondino; a round moulding resembling a ring. See *Torus*.
- Tongue; a projecting part, on the edge of a board, to be inserted in a groove ploughed in the edge of another.
- Tools used in bricklaying, 384.
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- Toothings, in plastering, 394.
- Top-beams; the collar-beam of a truss; the same as formerly called *wind-beam* or *strut-beam*, and now *collar-beam*.
- Top-rail; the upper rail of a piece of framing or wainscoting.
- Torsel; a piece of wood laid into a wall for the end of a timber or beam to rest on.
- Torus, 469: Double torus, 161.
- Torus moulding, 161, 468.
- Trabs; an ancient name for wall-plates or rising-plates, for supporting the rafters.
- Transept; the cross-aisles of a church of a cruciform structure.
- Transom; a cross-beam: the horizontal piece framed across a double-lighted window.
- Transom-windows, 231.
- Traversing the screeds for cornices, 394.
- Tread of a step; the horizontal part of it.
- Trellis-work; reticulated or net-like framing, made of thin bars of wood.
- Triglyph or Triglyph, 467.
- Trigonometry, plane, 79.
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- Trimmed; cut into shape, or fitted in between parts previously executed, as in partition-walls, &c.
- Trimmers, 231.
- Trimming joists, 231.
 —, in slating, 402.
- Tripod; a three-legged seat, from which the priests of antiquity delivered their oracles, and frequently represented in architectural ornaments.
- Trophy; an ornament representing the trunk of a tree, supporting military weapons, colours, &c.
- Trowelled stucco, in plastering, 375, 6.
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- Truncated; cut short or divided parallel to the base. The frustum of a cone, pyramid, &c., is therefore *truncated*.
- Truncated roof, 231.
- Truss, 231: Trussed roof, 231.
- Truss-partition; one with a truss, generally consisting of a quadrangular frame, two braces, and two queen-posts, with a straining-piece between the queen-posts, opposite the top of the braces.
- Truss-post, 231.
- Trussels, 231.
- Trussing-pieces; such timbers in a roof as are in a state of compression.
- Tumbling-in or Trimming-in. See *Trimmed*.
- Turning-piece; a board with a circular edge, for turning a thin brick arch upon.
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- VALLEY; the internal angle of two inclined sides of a roof.
- Valley-rafter, 231. The Valley-board is a board fixed upon this rafter, for the leaden gutter to lie on.
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- Vault; an interior concavity extending over two parallel opposite walls. The *axis* of a vault is the same as the axis of a geometrical solid, 342. See *Arch* and *Groin*. The *Reins* of a vault are the sides or walls which sustain the arch.
- Vellar cupola; a cupola or dome, terminated by four or more walls.
- Venetian Door; a door lighted on each side.
- Venetian Window; a window having three separate apertures.
- Ventiduct; a passage or place for wind or fresh air.
- Vermiculated Rustics; stones worked or tooled so as to appear as if eaten by worms.
- Villas or Country-Houses, 563, 564, and *Elevations*, plates VI, VII, VIII, IX.
- Volute; the scroll or principal ornament of the Ionic capital, 494.
- W.
- WAINSCOTING; in joinery, the lining of walls; mostly panelled.
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THE

PRACTICAL BUILDER'S

PERPETUAL PRICE-BOOK;

ELUCIDATING

THE PRINCIPLES OF CORRECTLY ASCERTAINING THE AVERAGE
VALUE OF THE DIFFERENT ARTIFICER'S WORKS USUALLY
EMPLOYED IN BUILDING;

WITH THE

Customs of Measuring and Valuing

IN THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM,

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CHAPTER I.

I.—CURSORY OBSERVATIONS ON THE DIFFERENT CUSTOMS OF MEASURING
 CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' WORKS, &c.

THE CUSTOMS of MEASURING and VALUING ROOFS, by the square, including tye-
 beams, king-posts, rafters, braces, struts, purlins, &c., are certainly erroneous; Provincial
customs.
 inasmuch as measurers or valuers must be frequently, if not always, left en-
 tirely in a state of uncertainty after the buildings are finished, as to the actual
 scantlings of the several timbers with which the roofs are composed; of course,
 destitute of satisfactory information as to the exact quantities of timber con-
 sumed in the number of squares; for, unless minute calculations are made,
 previous to the timbers being concealed, it is clear that the system must be
 altogether erroneous, or at any rate very defective.

The only true and satisfactory method of valuing roofing, of every descrip-
 tion, is, to measure each piece of timber, of whatever denomination, before Correct me-
thods of mea-
suring.
 it is concealed; in order that the measurer may certify as to the valuation and
 quantities of what he has *actually seen*. Having so done, the next step to be
 taken, should be to ascertain the cubical quantities of the respective scantlings,
 then to class them according to their relative degrees of workmanship, into an
 abstract, and thence to a bill, so that each item may be estimated proportionately
 to the value of the labour, including the prime cost of the timber, with profit,
 waste, sawing, land-carriage, freightage, &c.

The custom, also, of measuring the TIMBERS in FLOORS and QUARTER PARTI- Floors.
 TIONS, in the manner above described, is equally incorrect, fraught with the same
 danger, and should be discouraged by all professional men.

So soon as the carcase or shell of a building is covered in, that is, antecedent Time of mea-
suring.
 to the boarded floors being laid, or the ceilings lathed and plastered, all the
 timbers should be measured, previous to their concealment, in order that doubts
 may not be subsequently entertained, as to the actual quantities introduced: and,
 if this system was universal, it would afford general satisfaction, and prevent
 many unpleasant disputes.

Cubical contents of bond, &c.

Bond-timber, wall-plates, lintels, and discharging pieces, should be also measured, and paid for according to their cubical quantities, as work of the same denomination, and not by running feet, reduced to uncertain standards.

Doors, &c. by the foot super.

GATES, DOORS, WINDOW-SHUTTERS, JAMB-LININGS, SOFFITS, &c., should be measured by the foot superficial, and valued in proportion to their various degrees of workmanship; and, where doubts exist, as to their intrinsic value, exact details of the component parts should be taken, in order that suitable prices may be ascertained.

Bad customs of valuing stairs;

STAIRCASES should, also, be accurately measured, as well as every other description of work, and not charged at random, by the piece; for it is impossible for any man, however great his penetration or judgement may be, to fix a just value upon a piece of work, the true contents of which he is not completely master of: yet this is frequently practised by measurers, in remote parts of the kingdom, where works of considerable magnitude are frequently carried into execution.

also sashes and frames.

CIRCULAR-HEADED SASH-FRAMES, as well as others, should be measured by the foot superficial, and paid for agreeably to their exact sizes, and not according to vague or capricious opinions of their supposed value.

SASHES should, also, be measured by the foot superficial; but, when the sashes are hung or fixed complete, it is, by far, the best way to measure the sashes and frames together, including all the appurtenances.

We shall, for the present, conclude our remarks on those customs which, in our opinion, ought to be abolished; and proceed to point out some general rules, which, if attended to, will soon become familiar to persons who are conversant with Mensuration.

How to measure boarded floors;

IN MEASURING BOARDED FLOORINGS the dimensions should be taken to the extreme parts; to which must be added, the quantities contained in the windows, door-ways, recesses, &c. Having computed the quantities in squares, then take your deductions for chimnies, staircases, &c., and the exact quantities will be ascertained; for the true value of which, calculations should be made with references to the prices of deals at the time the works are executed. Having found the quantities of boards necessary to perform a square, with the time requisite to lay the same, including nails, and a fair profit, prices for every description of boarded floorings may be found with the utmost ease. And for the value of every other denomination of carpenters' and joiners' work, similar pains must be taken, and the results will be the same.

also external boardings.

WEATHER-BOARDINGS should be measured in the same manner as other boardings, out of which deductions for doors, windows, and all other openings, must be taken, then valued by the square, containing one hundred superficial feet.

To measure partitions.

BOARDED PARTITIONS should be measured in the same manner, and the several doors and windows contained therein, deducted, unless agreed to be included.

How to measure windows.

WINDOWS should be measured by the foot superficial, including sashes, and the dimensions, taken in feet and inches, from the under-side of the sills to the upper-sides of the top-rails, for the heights; and, for the breadths, from outside to outside of the jambs; and the products of them will be the superficial contents, the value of which, per foot, may be ascertained by detailed measurements of the component parts, contained in a sash-frame, including the beads, casings, sill,

sashes, weights, lines, pullics, &c. : having found, by these means, the value of a window, one foot superficial of that window will stamp a value upon all other windows of the same denomination. The value of sash-frames, exclusive of the sashes, weights, lines, pullics, and hanging, may be also found in the same manner, so that definitive prices may be fixed for windows, of all sizes and descriptions. Sash frames.

STAIRCASES should also be measured by the foot superficial, and the dimensions taken with a string girt over the risers and treads; those lengths or girts, multiplied by the lengths of the steps, will produce the superficial contents; for the exact prices of which calculations should be made, including the steps, risers, and carriages, unless the latter are measured with the carcasses of the buildings at the time before-mentioned, which, to prevent any doubts as to the real scantlings, is the best and most satisfactory way, and therefore recommended. To measure stair-cases,

MAHOGANY and DEAL MOULDED HAND-RAILS should be measured by the foot running, and valued according to their sizes, goodness, and neatness of workmanship: the ramped or circular parts should be taken separately. The architraves, or moulded string-boards, should be measured by the foot superficial; the strait, ramped, and circular parts, each by itself, and estimated accordingly. The brackets, at the end of the steps, should also be valued in proportion to their sizes and ingenuity of workmanship, at per piece. hand-rails, &c.

DOOR-CASES, that is to say, JAMB-LININGS, SOFFITS, &c., should be measured by the foot superficial, and the dimensions taken with a string, girt over all the mouldings: the two sides and the soffits, for the lengths; and the thickness of the walls, or the partitions, for the widths; which, multiplied together, will produce the superficial contents. For the defined value of which, detailed measurements of the rails, panels, mouldings, &c. should be taken, to find the value of one foot, which will serve to regulate the prices of every description of work which may approximate in quality thereto. How to measure linings, &c.

FRAMED-DOOR GROUNDS should be measured by the foot superficial; but all narrow grounds by the foot, running measure.

SINGLE and DOUBLE-FACED ARCHITRAVES should also be measured by the foot running, and valued according to their widths, sinkings, or number of mouldings worked thereon. Architraves.

TWO, FOUR, SIX, or EIGHT PANELLED DOORS, as well as all others, including GATES, &c., should be measured by the foot superficial, the value of which may be ascertained by dissecting one of each denomination, so as to discover an equitable ratio, due regard being paid to the prime cost of the unmanufactured article, including a reasonable price for the workmanship, glue, nails, screws, &c. The same must, also, be observed with respect to WINDOW-SHUTTERS, BACK FLAPS, LININGS, BACKS and ELBOWS, SOFFITS, and every other description of finishings appertaining thereto. Doors, gates, &c.

PLAIN, DENTIL, MODILLION, and COVED CORNICES, should be measured by the foot superficial, and their dimensions, in respect to the breadths, taken with a string-girt, into the mouldings; and those dimensions, multiplied by the lengths, will be the superficial contents, the prices of which must be governed by the qualities of the mouldings, their neatness, goodness, and delicacy of workmanship. Cornices.

How to measure wainscoting.

FRAMED WAINSCOTING, that is, thin deal partitions, should be measured by the yard square, containing nine superficial feet; and the dimensions taken in feet and inches, thus girting down every moulding with a string, contained between the floors and the ceilings, for the heights, and the circumferences of the rooms for the lengths, deducting the doors, windows, and chimnies. The seats of windows, if any, cheeks, soffits, linings, &c. should all be taken by themselves; the prices of which can only be ascertained by detailed measurements of one or more superficial yards or square feet, embracing the tops, bottoms, and upright rails, or as the designs of the paneling may happen to be.

Columns.

DEAL GLUED COLUMNS should be measured by the foot superficial; the average girts being taken for the widths by their altitudes, and valued as circular works, according to their thicknesses; the flutings, if any, by the foot, running measure; the bases and capitals, at per piece, as circular moulded work.

Outside frontispieces.

FRONTISPIECES should be measured and valued by the foot superficial, and every part taken separately: viz. the cornices, friezes, architraves, pilasters, shutters, bases, and capitals; which, priced according to details of their value, the sums total will be their correct amounts.

Mouldings.

PLAIN TORUS, and all sorts of MOULDED SKIRTINGS, as likewise SURBASES of every description, may be measured by the foot, super or running measure, as well as COMMON or QUIRK OGEEES, COMMON and QUIRK OVOLOS, CAVETTO MOULDINGS, CYMA RECTAS, and FANCY MOULDINGS, &c., and their prices ascertained according to their girts, degrees, and goodness of workmanship.

Mortises and tenons.

In reference to the ROUGH CARPENTRY, it is necessary to observe that, wherever mortises and tenons are made, the pieces of timber should be measured from the ends of the tenons; and, likewise, that the ends of the joists, in the different floors, which are inserted in the walls, must be added to their respective lengths, as well as all manner of laps in bond timber and wall-plates.

General observations upon measuring the principals in roofs.

It is likewise proper to remark, that the several timbers in framed roofs and partitions should be measured and classed with framed flooring, and works of a similar description; taking, at the same time, into consideration, that, in measuring king and queen-posts, where there is a necessity for cutting out parallel pieces from their sides, in order that the ends of the braces may have what are called *square butments*, the following observations should be attended to: that is, first, to measure the workmanship of such pieces or posts, by taking their depths and breadths in the widest parts; then to multiply the same together, and the product by the lengths, the cubical contents of which will produce the quantities for labour only. The next step will be to find the quantities of materials, supposing the pieces sawn out are two and a half inches thick or more; in which case they ought to be esteemed pieces of timber fit for use; and, when two feet six inches long, their lengths should not be esteemed so long by five or six inches, because the saw cannot enter the wood with much less waste; and, from the reasons before described, the pieces so cut out ought to be deducted from the cubical contents ascertained for the workmanship, and the residue allowed for the quantities of materials; but, if the pieces cut out should be less than two and a half inches square, and two feet six inches long, then the entire pieces should be measured as solid, for the materials, as well as for the labour; and because the pieces so cut out would not be worth taking into account.

It would be an endless task to enumerate all the various methods of measuring every description of carpentry and joinery; a complex work, upon such a plan, would presently render this into an expensive volume. It may be sufficient to remark, that some of the leading articles on Carpentry and Joinery have been adequately explained; and, from the results, any man, of common intelligence, may collect satisfactory information. But we take for granted that he possesses a sufficient knowledge of Geometry to ascertain the quantities of all manner of superficies and solids; and is thus enabled to measure and value without the fear of shame or reproach.

Concluding remarks on carpentry.

The most common instruments for taking the measures, are Five and Ten Instruments to feet Rods, divided into feet and quarters of feet: and two and three feet rules, measure. divided into inches, or twelfth parts and each twelfth part into eight others; the fractional parts beyond these divisions need not be taken any account of, unless the works to be measured are of an extremely valuable nature.

When the dimensions are taken, in the manner described, the best method of Squaring contents. squaring the dimensions is by duodecimals, commonly called Cross Multiplication.*

II.—INTRODUCTORY EXPLANATION OF THE TABLES ON CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' WORKS.

WHEN the prime cost of ten-feet three-inch deals or planks, with timber, are charged by the merchants at any of the following prices, in the prime cost columns, the succeeding Tables will point out what master-builders may charge in their day-bills, which, with reference at any time to the existing or current prices of timber and deals will also govern the leading prices in their measured bills. Under these circumstances, it is conceived that, as far as relates to Carpentry and Joinery, this volume may be considered as a *Perpetual Price-Book*; which, being properly understood, it is presumed, will not only prove to be useful to architects, surveyors, measurers, and tradesmen, but also to such persons who may be desirous of attaining a thorough knowledge of the leading principles of measuring and valuing every description of work appertaining to the building profession. And, for the satisfaction of those who have not always time to devote to the minutiae of valuations, it has been deemed necessary to be as explicit as possible in stating, upon general principles, in what manner the prices have been ascertained. It must not, however, from hence be expected that details can be given in every instance, the object of the work is to impart general information; and, to effect the purpose intended, no pains whatever have been spared.

General remarks on the tables.

The succeeding Tables, from No. 1 to No. 14, having been arranged for the purpose of elucidating the principles of valuing Carpenters' and Joiners' works, we shall now explain them in the most concise manner; and as the Tables Nos. 7 and 10, have been selected to illustrate the basis upon which the following prices of Carpentry and Joinery have been constructed, it will render

Tables, Nos. 7 and 10, &c.

* Vide Elsam's "*Gentleman's and Builder's Assistant*," published in 1808; also Kelly's "*Practical Builder*," page 554, published in 1825.

Tables, Nos. 7 and 10. the subject more familiar by confining ourselves to the explanation of those

Variation of prices.

Construction of Tables, Nos. 7 and 10, &c

Tables, which are similar to the rest, as regards the leading system of valuation; and as the prime cost of timber and deals in the two Tables adverted to exhibit those prices which are likely to remain steady, not only in the metropolis, but in every part of the kingdom, we have been induced to fix on the Tables referred to, as being the most likely to suit the views of those who have occasion to refer to works of this description. At the same time, it is necessary to remark, that we are aware of the continual variation in the prices of timber and deals, and for that purpose have constructed a series of Tables to answer to the rise and fall thereof; which, on being consulted, will enable the valuator to add to, or deduct from, the prices, as occasion may require.

In reference to the Tables, Nos. 7 and 10, each of which, with the rest, consists of five vertical columns and eight horizontal rows, it will be seen that the subsequent prices are founded on the prime cost of timber, when at £6.13s.4d. per load; and ten-feet three-inch deals, when at £39. per hundred. Now, as it is well known that ten-feet three-inch deals are nine inches wide, it will readily occur that, in each hundred of deals, of the lengths, breadths, and thicknesses, before described, there are $4\frac{1}{2}$ loads of timber, as may be seen by the following calculation:

Cubical contents of 120 10-feet 3-inch deals.

ft. in.			
10	0	long.	
	9	wide.	
	3	thick.	
<hr/>			
7	6	0	
		3	
<hr/>			
1	10	6	0
		10	
<hr/>			
18	9	0	0
		12	
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Contents..	225	0	0
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} Equal to $4\frac{1}{2}$ loads of fir timber,
containing each 50 cubic feet.

Elucidation of Tables, Nos. 7 and 10.

Hence, it appears, there are 225 cubic feet in each long hundred of ten-feet three-inch deals; and as fir timber and deals are articles of the same species, we are desirous, for the purpose of being consistent, that their ratios of prices should be relevant; and under these impressions the subsequent Tables have been made, which will developè the natural course which should be pursued in tracing the primitive value of the raw article before it is converted. It is true, that timber and deals are never at the same price, when reckoned at per foot cube, but they are alternately used for the same purposes, and are of relative qualities and prices; and, as it would be impossible to analyze the quality of deals when promiscuously used in buildings, it is necessary, for the sake of being consistent, to amalgamate, or generalize, the original value of these two articles of the same quality, in order to produce consistent prime-cost average

tables, without which it would be impossible, in the adjustment of prices, conscientiously to discharge that duty which the importance of the subject imperatively requires. And, for this purpose, we have selected the current value of ten-feet three-inch deals, when at £39. per hundred, as an intermediate scale, which, with reference to the Tables 7 and 10, will embrace, as far as the nature of a price-book will admit, the average value of Memel, Dantzic, Riga, and American timber, at £6. 13s. 4d. per load, or as per the different sorts of deals, at £8. 13s. 4d., elucidated in Table, No. 10.

Now, in order to analyze the presumed current value of ten-feet three-inch deals with the relative standard value of fir timber, being of the same species of wood, it will be necessary to prove the result by the subsequent operation. We shall, therefore, demonstrate the proposition by stating, that if 225, the number of cubical feet contained in 120, ten-feet three-inch deals cost £30., what will 50 cubic feet of fir timber, the quantity in a load, cost after the same ratio.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{feet.} \quad \text{£.} \quad \text{feet.} \\
 225 : 30 :: 50 \\
 \hline
 20 \\
 \hline
 600 \\
 12 \\
 \hline
 7200 \\
 50 \\
 \hline
 225) 360000 (1600 \\
 \underline{225} \qquad \underline{133 \quad 4} \\
 1350 \\
 \underline{1350} \qquad \underline{6 \quad 13 \quad 4} \text{ Ans. per load.} \\
 \dots 00
 \end{array}$$

Value of fir
timber per
load, in refer-
ence to deals.

And this will be about the general average price of timber.

By the above, it appears that when ten-feet three-inch deals are at £30. per hundred, timber should be £6. 13s. 4d. per load, to bear the same ratios of prices; but this is not the case. Timber and deals are the same species of wood; but their relative value in the timber-market does not correspond; the difference in the average value, by cubical measure, is one-third more, as may be seen by reference to Tables, Nos. 7 and 10.

The present standard, or average price, of foreign fir timber being ascertained by Table, No. 7, in the manner described, the next step will be to prove what additions should be made to the prime cost of £6. 13s. 4d. In the first place, we must add, at least, three-pence per foot cube for sawing; one penny per foot cube for carriage, the distance of one mile; and, at the same time, make an allowance of six feet for waste, in sawing, &c. These prices, added together, will produce the prime cost, without any profit, to the former of which the latter must be added, as per example.

	£.	s.	d.
Calculation of fir timber, and how to charge the same.	Prime cost of 50 cubic feet of timber, as per calculation, which is after the rate of 2s. 8d. per foot cube.....	6	13 4
	Average value of sawing, after the rate of 3d. per foot cube..	0	12 6
	Average price of carriage, one mile, after the rate of 1d. per foot cube.....	0	4 2
	Allowance of six feet for waste, in sawing, &c. at 2s. 8d. per foot cube.....	0	16 0
		£.8	6 0
	Twenty per cent. profit, which is the usual allowance.....	1	13 2
		£.9	19 2

Timber esti-
mated at £10.
per load.

By the above calculation it appears that £9. 19s. 2d. is the full value per load for fir timber, in Table, No. 7, including every charge that can be made; but as this sum approximates so near to the sum of ten pounds per load, we shall, to avoid fractions, estimate the timber at ten pounds, which will be after the rate of four shillings per foot cube, to be charged in day-bills; and also for fir, without any labour, which will regulate all the leading articles under the denomination of rough carpenters' works, in their measured bills.

Explanation of
Table, No. 10;
deals £39. per
hundred.

Having fully explained the presumed or adopted standard scale, for the valuation of fir timber, by Table, No. 7, we shall now proceed to explain the Table, No. 10, as regards the prime cost of ten-feet three-inch deals, *which* regulates the subsequent prices of Joinery; the first column of which exhibits the prime cost of a ten-feet three-inch deal, at six shillings and sixpence, which is after the rate of £39. per hundred: the same column also exhibits 2½-in., 2-in., 1½-in., 1¼-in., 1-in., ¾-in., and ½-in., deals after the same ratios.

Second co-
lumn of Table.

The second column shows the same article in progress of valuation, with the prices of sawing and land-carriage, the exact ratios upon which are defined under Sawyer's prices, accompanied by an explanatory engraving.

Third column
of ditto.

The third column, in like manner, also shows the value of the preceding deal, with the addition of 25 per cent., which includes the profit, and, also, the presumed loss for waste, which is estimated at 5 per cent., leaving the net profit 20 per cent.

Fourth co-
lumn of ditto.

The fourth column also describes the value of the same, at per foot running measure.

Fifth column
of ditto.

And the fifth and last column, the value reduced to the foot superficial.

Value of mate-
rials and la-
bour.

By the assistance of which Table, and the residue, persons who are competent to affix the *value* for the labour to the value of the materials, may proceed, *ad infinitum*, to measure and value the works alluded to without being guilty of the least inconsistency. But, as the value of labour cannot be ascertained by the quantities and qualities of the materials which may be converted, it will be requisite that we should discuss this point, with reference to the mutual and equitable interests of the employer and employed. Taking, then, into consideration the average value of labour in every part of the United Kingdom; at the first view it may appear somewhat inconsistent to suppose, that average prices for labour could be constructed upon the principles of equity; but, to those whose practice

has been extensive, the proposed plan will neither present itself as inconsistent nor irreconcilable. In reference to the local wages of artisans, but more especially Local wages to those of Carpenters and Joiners, we find the difference very considerable in various parts; consequently it will be inferred, that the prices for workmanship, when measured, should be regulated by the local prices of labour, as well as the current prices of timber and deals, which is generally the case. The system, The system of valuation the same. therefore, of valuation in every part of the kingdom may be considered the same, except as relates to certain local customs in measuring; and these points being clearly understood, the next step to be taken will be to show upon what principle average prices, including labour and materials, can be considered consistent. It is true the current prices for wages differ very materially in different places; Current prices of wages. but the value of foreign timber and deals are nearly the same in every sea-port throughout Great Britain and Ireland, the value of which, when converted, entirely depends upon where the work is to be performed; and as it is necessary to transport these materials into the interior or midland counties, which is very frequently the case, the expense of extra freightage, land-carriage, and other incidental costs, will be found equal to, if not more, than the difference in the price of wages from those given in London. Under these circumstances, we are of opinion that the prices of Carpenters' and Joiners' work contained in this work, may be generally adopted; but where it is required, from the importance of the subject, to analyze the exact value by references to the current prices of wages, as well as the qualities of workmanship and time, the principles herein laid down, it is presumed, will teach those who are disposed to investigate, in what manner they should proceed to find the value of the work in question, in any part of the United Kingdom. General principle of valuation the same.

The prime cost of materials and labour, including land-carriage, freightage, Intrinsic value of work. and all manner of incidental expenses, is the *intrinsic* value of every sort of work; to which should be added, fair and rational profits, with references to what are usually allowed where the works are executed. And in order to find the value of labour, it will be requisite to ascertain what number of workmen, of moderate abilities, can execute given portions within given times, the value of which, reduced to solid or superficial feet, and added to the value of the prime cost, will, in the manner before described, produce correct prices. Any person, therefore, of moderate talent, who will take the pains to proceed in the manner herein-mentioned, with reference to the works being performed in town or country, may ascertain the exact value of every description of work, without trusting to vague and indefinite opinions. Persons of moderate talent may value.

It has been contended, by many ingenious calculators, that the value of labour Value of labour. cannot be ascertained by any precise rules; and that it is not in the power of any human being to calculate, with any degree of certainty, upon the *quantum* of work which can be performed, by different men, in the same spaces of time.

It would be impossible to controvert this doctrine upon any arithmetical principle, or to lay down any given rule for the valuation of manual labour; but as Manual labour. experience teaches wisdom, man by degrees, in proportion to his intellect, acquires knowledge, without the aid of any prescribed rules; and thus it is that we see persons, without education, performing wonders to the astonishment of their fellow-creatures. And, under these considerations, it is argued that the

General principles to value labour.	talent, genius, and comprehensive faculties, of the human race, cannot be reduced to any standard; and that, consequently, the system of valuing labour by admeasurement, must be erroneous. And, if we were not perfectly satisfied, by experience, that the average worth of men's labour could not be ascertained but by attentive observation, we might be inclined to subscribe to the opinions promulgated, without presuming to incorporate the average of talent, for the convenience of commercial pursuit; but as it does appear that no other general principle can be adopted, it would be only a waste of time to speculate upon other systems; and, after all, it must be allowed that the difficulty of finding the value of labour is very great, this knowledge can only be acquired by those who will take the trouble to average the value of labour, by taking an account of the average of men's time in the execution of different works which are similar.
The most competent valuers.	Under these circumstances, it must be observed, that those who have not comprehensive ideas of the average value of labour, cannot be accomplished valuers; but as it is well known to those who are acquainted with the most respectable architects, surveyors, and measurers, that most of them, especially in the metropolis, are men of considerable intelligence, we cannot better discharge our duty than by recommending such scientific persons to settle and determine all matters in dispute, as regards the value of intricate workmanship, including the materials.
Standards to appreciate labour.	Now it would appear, by the preceding arguments, that some men are considered more expert with the mallet and chisel than others. This being the case, no doubt can be entertained of their relative earnings; but as it would be utterly impossible to make a scale or standard, by which the value of labour could be appreciated, with reference to men's abilities, we must be content to take the
Average value of men's time.	average price of general talent, as laid down by men of experience; previously taking into consideration, (with due deference to the circulating medium of current prices,) the necessity of making such calculations as the exigency of the cases may require. For instance, if an architect by his designs should require a piece of work to be performed according to a fancy design, without making any previous
Examples to ascertain the value of labour.	bargain for the price, it is highly probable that the value might become a question of serious consideration, after the work was complete. Taking these circumstances into consideration, master-tradesmen should be extremely circumspect in keeping exact accounts of their men's time, and likewise of all the materials, that when the measurers, or valuers, are called upon to discharge their duties, they may be furnished with such documents, that the prices per foot cube, or superficial, for the labour as well as the materials, may be honestly ascertained. And if this practice
Practices to be adopted.	was generally adopted by master or other tradesmen, it would afford universal satisfaction, as by references to the prime cost of the labour and materials, the exact value of each description of work might, in all cases, be justly ascertained, and the customary profits allowed.
Accurate accounts of prime cost.	It requires great attention to keep accurate accounts of the prime cost of each sort of work; but when the plans of buildings are complicated, and the several works are required to be done in the best manner, too much pains cannot be taken in keeping detailed accounts of the time consumed in executing each description of work; that, when measured, fair and equitable prices may be claimed for the value of the labour, as well as the materials. Under these considerations, it is manifest that general and satisfactory rules may, in most, if not in all, cases

be created for the purpose of finding the exact value of labour, in reference to Ingenuity of the situation, as well as to the difficulty and ingenuity of the workmanship, the works. prices for which must invariably depend upon a series of unforeseen circumstances, which should be candidly explained at the time the work is about to be measured.

In contemplating the value of labour, we have embraced the most liberal view The most liberal views. of the tradesman's interest, which has been done from a conviction that great losses are sustained, by a considerable waste of time, which cannot always be satisfactorily accounted for.

In proceeding, therefore, to affix our prices for labour, we shall adopt one general system, which will be by calculating the average quantities of labour that can be performed within given periods, by men of moderate abilities, taking the average of talent according to the following example. And to elucidate the foregoing principle of estimation, let us suppose that three two-inch deal six-panel square doors are required to be made by three men, who are not equally expert, but who are to be paid after the rate of five shillings per day; the doors each to be seven feet high and three feet wide; the first man performing his work in $1\frac{1}{4}$ day, the second $1\frac{1}{2}$ day, and the third $1\frac{3}{4}$ day. The average value for the labour is required per foot superficial. Example to ascertain value of doors, &c.

First man's time is..... $1\frac{1}{4}$

Second ditto..... $1\frac{1}{2}$

Third ditto..... $1\frac{3}{4}$

$4\frac{1}{2}$ days at 5s..... £1. 2s. 6d.

•3) 7 0 height of the doors.

3 0 width of ditto.

21 0

3 doors.

63 0 total in the three doors.

feet.		£.	s.	d.		foot.
63	:	1	2	6	::	1

20

22

12

63) 270 ($4\frac{1}{4}$ d.—Value of labour per foot.

252

.18

4

63) 72 ($\frac{1}{4}$

63

9

Ans. $4\frac{1}{4}$ d. per foot.

The principle of finding the value of Joinery.

How to value
the materials
in Joinery.

By the preceding example, it is presumed the principle of finding the average price of labour will be perfectly understood. The next step to be taken will be to find out the quantity of materials contained in one of the said doors, in order that the value thereof per foot superficial may be added to the value of the labour, so that by these means the average value, or price per foot, may be identified and traced, as generating out of the average prime cost, for labour as well as for the materials. This example being clearly comprehended, will presently unfold the system that should be adopted to find out the exact value of

Value of similar works.

other works. Without further preface, therefore, let us proceed to find out the exact quantity of the materials in a two-inch deal six-panel square-door, seven feet high and three feet wide, made in the usual manner; that is, with two outside marginal rails, a middle rail, and two horizontal rails, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; together with a bottom-rail, and a frieze, or lock-rail, each 9 inches wide, and the six pannels filled in with $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal. By calculation, it appears, there are 25 feet in running measure, of 2-inch deal railing, $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inches wide, and 5 feet 2 inches, of like measure, 9 inches wide; the superficial contents of which are 13 feet 3 inches, as near as possible. It appears, also, there are 11 feet 7 inches super of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal paneling. Now, for example, by reference to the Table No. 7, but which does not regulate the subsequent prices of Joiners' work, we find that 2-inch deal is 7*d.* per foot super, and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal 3*d.* per foot super.

The bill, therefore, will stand thus:—

		s.	d.
Materials in the same.	13 ft. 3 in. super, of 2-inch deal, at 7 <i>d.</i> per foot.....	7	$8\frac{3}{4}$
	11 ft. 7 in. super, of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal, at 3 <i>d.</i> per foot.....	2	$10\frac{3}{4}$
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		10	$7\frac{1}{2}$

Elucidation of
preceding ex-
ample.

Ten shillings and seven-pence halfpenny, therefore, is the exact value of the materials, which includes 20 per cent. nett profit; to which sum must be added, the prime cost of the average labour, with a reasonable profit thereon. From hence it is clear, that the intrinsic value of a 2-inch deal six-panel door, 7 feet high and 3 feet wide, when 10 feet 3-inch deals are at £30. per hundred, is worth no more than 19*s.* 4*½d.* For the proof of which, examine the preceding calculations and the subsequent bill.

Value of the
labour and ma-
terials in the
same.

	s.	d.
21 feet super, for the value of the materials, as per the preceding bill, at 6 <i>d.</i> per foot, nearly.....	10	$7\frac{1}{2}$
21 feet super, at 5 <i>d.</i> per foot for the average price of the labour, which also includes a reasonable profit on the same	8	9
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	19	$4\frac{1}{2}$

To find the value, therefore, of 2-inch deal six-panel doors, at per foot super- Further eluci-
ficial, according to the prime cost value of the labour and materials, including dation.
20 per cent. profit thereon. We must state the question in the usual way, viz.

feet. s. d. foot.
21 : 19 4½ :: 1

Ans. 11d.

Eleven-pence per foot superficial is found to be the intrinsic value; to which Fair average
may be added one penny per foot in addition for waste, and one penny per foot for value of
hanging and other incidental expenses. One shilling and a penny per foot super Joinery.
may, therefore, be considered the fair average value. A Price-Book, unless it Price-book
gives clear and satisfactory evidence of the manner in which the prices are found, calculated to
only serves to puzzle and confound the ignorant, and to deceive the unwary. puzzle if not
explained.
We have, therefore, endeavoured to remove the general complaint, and trust that
our endeavours will be crowned with success. And having so far discharged
our duty with fidelity, in elucidating some of the leading principles of finding
the exact value of Joinery, we shall proceed, step by step, to make up our price-
lists, in reference to the Tables, Nos. 7 and 10, when the prime cost of 10-feet
3-inch deals are at £39. per hundred; and timber at £6. 13s. 4d. per load.

The following calculations will show the manner in which the prices of fir- Prices for tim-
timber have been found at per foot cube, when the prime costs are at any of ber explained
the subsequent amounts, as may be identified in the succeeding Deal and
Timber Tables, commencing at No. 1, and ending at No. 14.

EXAMPLE in reference to TABLE No. 1.

	£.	s.	d.	
Prime cost of fir timber, per load	2	13	4	Progressive value of tim- ber.
Sawing	0	12	6	
Cartage.....	0	4	2	
Waste, six feet.....	0	6	4	
	£. 3	16	4	
Twenty per cent. profit.....	0	15	2	
	£. 4	11	6	

feet. £. s. d. foot.
50 : 4 11 6 :: 1

Ans. 1s. 9¼d.

Which may be charged in day-bills, as per Table, No. 1, at 1s. 9¼d. per foot cube.

TABLE, N^o. 1.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £12. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Deal	0 4	0 7	0 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 1
$\frac{3}{4}$ -do.	0 6	0 9	0 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 1	0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1-do.	0 8	0 11	1 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -do.	0 10	1 1	1 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -do.	1 0	1 3	1 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-do.	1 4	1 7	1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -do.	1 8	1 11	2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
3-do.	2 0	2 3	2 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Prime cost of fir timber at £2. 13s. 4d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube	1 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ditto, with sawing.	1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.	1 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.	1 9 $\frac{1}{4}$

TABLE, N^o. 2.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £15. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, withSawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	0 5	0 8	0 10	0 1	0 1¼
¾-do.....	0 7½	0 10½	1 0½	0 1¼	0 1¾
1-do.....	0 10	1 1	1 4¼	0 1¾	0 2
1¼-do.....	1 0½	1 3½	1 7½	0 2	0 2½
1½-do.....	1 3	1 6	1 10½	0 2¼	0 3
2-do.....	1 8	1 11	2 4¼	0 2¾	0 3¾
2½-do.....	2 1	2 4	2 11	0 3½	0 4½
3-do.....	2 6	2 9	3 5¼	0 4¼	0 5½

Prime cost of fir timber at £3. 6s. 8d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	1 4
Ditto, with sawing	1 7
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	1 8
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	2 2½

TABLE, N^o. 3.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £18. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	0 6	0 9	0 11¼	0 1¼	0 1½
¾-do.	0 9	1 0	1 3	0 1½	0 2
1-do.	1 0	1 3	1 6¼	0 1¾	0 2½
1¼-do.	1 3	1 6	1 10½	0 2¼	0 3
1½-do.	1 6	1 9	2 2¼	0 2½	0 3½
2-do.	2 0	2 3	2 9¼	0 3¼	0 4½
2½-do.	2 6	2 9	3 5¼	0 4	0 5½
3-do.	3 0	3 3	4 0¼	0 5	0 6½

Prime cost of fir timber at £4. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	1 7¼
Ditto, with sawing.....	1 10¼
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile	1 11¼
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	2 6½

TABLE, N^o. 4.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £21. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal-----	0 7	0 10	1 0½	0 1¼	0 1½
¾-do-----	0 10½	1 1½	1 5	0 1¾	0 2¼
1-do-----	1 2	1 5	1 9¼	0 2¼	0 2¾
1¼-do-----	1 5½	1 8½	2 1	0 2½	0 3¼
1½-do-----	1 9	2 0	2 6	0 3	0 4
2-do-----	2 4	2 7	3 3	0 4	0 5¼
2½-do-----	2 11	3 2	3 11½	0 4¾	0 6¼
3-do-----	3 6	3 9	4 8¼	0 5¾	0 7½

Prime cost of timber at £4. 13s. 4d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	1 10¼
Ditto, with sawing.....	2 1¼
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	2 2¼
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	2 11¼

TABLE, N^o. 5.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £24. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	0 8	0 11	1 1¼	0 1¼	0 1¼
¾-do.....	1 0	1 3	1 6¼	0 1¾	0 2½
1-do.....	1 4	1 7	1 11¼	0 2¼	0 3
1¼-do.....	1 8	1 11	2 4¾	0 2¾	0 3¾
1½-do.....	2 0	2 3	2 9¾	0 3¼	0 4½
2-do.....	2 8	2 11	3 7¾	0 4¼	0 5¾
2½-do.....	3 4	3 7	4 5¼	0 5¼	0 7¼
3-do.....	4 0	4 3	5 3¾	0 6½	0 8¾

Prime cost of fir timber at £5. 6s. 8d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube	2 1½
Ditto, with sawing.....	2 4½
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	2 5½
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load for sawing, &c.	3 3¼

TABLE, N^o. 6.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £27. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, withSawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal.....	0 9	1 0	1 3	0 1½	0 2
¾-do.....	1 1½	1 4½	1 8	0 2	0 2½
1-do.....	1 6	1 9	2 2¼	0 2½	0 3½
1¼-do.....	1 10½	2 1½	2 7¼	0 3	0 4
1½-do.....	2 3	2 6	3 1¼	0 3¾	0 4¾
2-do.....	3 0	3 3	4 0¼	0 4¾	0 6½
2½-do.....	3 9	4 0	5 0	0 6	0 8
3-do.....	4 6	4 9	5 11¼	0 7¼	0 9½

Prime cost of fir timber at £6. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	2 4¾
Ditto, with sawing.....	2 7¾
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	2 8¾
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	3 7½

TABLE, N^o. 7.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £30. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
½-inch Deal	0 10	1 1	1 4¼	0 1½	0 2¼
¾-do.....	1 3	1 6	1 10½	0 2¼	0 3
1-do.....	1 8	1 11	2 4¾	0 2¾	0 3¾
1¼-do.....	2 1	2 4	2 11	0 3½	0 5
1½-do.....	2 6	2 9	3 5¼	0 4	0 5½
2-do.....	3 4	3 7	4 4¼	0 5½	0 7
2½-do.....	4 2	4 5	5 6¼	0 6½	0 8¾
3-do.....	5 0	5 3	6 6¾	0 8	0 10½

Prime cost of fir timber at £6. 13s. 4d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	<i>s. d.</i>
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	2 8
Ditto, with sawing	2 11
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	3 0
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	4 0

Observe.—This is the Table upon which the following prices on Carpentry are entirely constructed, but only with reference to the prime cost of TIMBER; for deals, vide Table, No. 10.

TABLE, N^o. 8.

Prime Cost of 10-foot 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £33. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-foot Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	0 11	1 2	1 5½	0 1¼	0 2¼
¾-do.....	1 4½	1 7½	2 0¼	0 2½	0 3¼
1-do.....	1 10	2 1	2 7¼	0 3¼	0 4¼
1¼-do.....	2 3½	2 6½	3 2	0 3¾	0 5
1½-do.....	2 9	3 0	3 9	0 4½	0 6
2-do.....	3 8	3 11	4 10¼	0 5¾	0 7¾
2½-do.....	4 7	4 10	6 0½	0 7¼	0 9¼
3-do.....	5 6	5 9	7 2¼	0 8¼	0 11½

Prime cost of fir timber at £7. 6s. 8d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	2 11⅞
Ditto, with sawing.....	3 2¼
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile	3 3¼
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	4 4

TABLE, N^o. 9.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £36. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	1 0	1 3	1 6¼	0 2	0 2½
¾-do.	1 6	1 9	2 2¼	0 2¾	0 3½
1-do.	2 0	2 3	2 9¼	0 3½	0 4½
1¼-do.	2 6	2 9	3 5¼	0 4¼	0 5½
1½-do.	3 0	3 3	4 0¾	0 4¾	0 6½
2-do.	4 0	4 3	5 3¼	0 6¼	0 8½
2½-do.	5 0	5 3	6 6¾	0 7¾	0 10½
3-do.	6 0	6 3	7 9¾	0 9¼	1 0½

Prime cost of fir timber at £8. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube	3 2½
Ditto, with sawing	3 5½
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile	3 6½
May be charged in day-bills, which includes 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.	4 8½

TABLE, N^o. 10.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £39. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	1 1	1 4	1 8	0 2	0 2½
¾-do.....	1 7½	1 10½	2 4	0 2¾	0 3¾
1-do.....	2 2	2 5	3 0¼	0 3	0 4¾
1¼-do.....	2 8½	2 11½	3 9	0 4½	0 6
1½-do.....	3 3	3 6	4 4½	0 5¼	0 7
2-do.....	4 4	4 7	5 8¼	0 6¾	0 9
2½-do.....	5 5	5 8	7 1	0 8½	0 11¼
3-do.....	6 6	6 9	8 5¼	0 10¼	1 1½

Prime cost of fir timber at £8. 13s. 4d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	3 5½
Ditto, with sawing	3 8½
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	3 9½
May be charged in day-bills, which include 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	5 1

Observe.—This Table on deals, &c. has chiefly regulated the subsequent prices upon Joinery as well as Carpentry; and in all respects, except as to the latter, in reference to the price of timber, in Table No. 7.

TABLE, N^o. 11.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £42. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	1 2	1 5	1 9¼	0 2¼	0 2¼
¾-do.	1 9	2 0	2 2¼	0 2¾	0 3½
1-do.	2 4	2 7	3 2¼	0 3¾	0 5½
1¼-do.	2 11	3 2	3 11½	0 4¾	0 6¼
1½-do.	3 6	3 9	4 8¼	0 5½	0 7½
2-do.	4 8	4 11	6 1¼	0 7¼	0 9¾
2½-do.	5 10	6 1	7 7¼	0 9	1 0
3-do.	7 0	7 3	9 0¾	0 11	1 2½

Prime cost of fir timber at £9. 6s. 8d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	3 8½
Ditto, with sawing.....	3 11¾
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile	4 0¾
May be charged in day-bills, which include 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	5 5

TABLE, N^o. 12.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £45. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	1 3	1 6	1 10½	0 2¼	0 3
¾-do.	1 10½	2 1½	2 7¼	0 3	0 4¼
1-do.	2 6	2 9	3 5¼	0 4	0 5½
1¼-do.	3 1½	3 4½	4 2½	0 5	0 6¾
1½-do.	3 9	4 0	5 0	0 6	0 8
2-do.	5 0	5 3	6 6¼	0 7¼	0 10½
2½-do.	6 3	6 6	8 1½	0 9¾	1 1
3-do.	7 6	7 9	9 8¼	0 11¼	1 3½

Prime cost of fir timber at £10. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube	4 0
Ditto, with sawing	4 3
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile	4 4
May be charged in day-bills, which include 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.	5 9¼

TABLE, N^o. 13.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £48. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, with Sawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal	1 4	1 7	1 11½	0 2½	0 3¼
¾-do.	2 0	2 3	2 9¾	0 3¼	0 4½
1-do.	2 8	2 11	3 7¾	0 4¼	0 5¾
1¼-do.	3 4	3 7	4 5¾	0 5¼	0 7
1½-do.	4 0	4 3	5 3¾	0 6¼	0 8½
2-do.	5 4	5 7	6 11¾	0 8¼	0 11
2½-do.	6 8	6 11	8 7¾	0 10¼	1 1¼
3-do.	8 0	8 3	10 3	1 0¼	1 4½

Prime cost of fir timber at £10. 13s. 4d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube	4 3¼
Ditto, with sawing.....	4 6¼
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	4 7¼
May be charged in day-bills, which include 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load for sawing, &c.	6 1½

TABLE, N^o. 14.

Prime Cost of 10-feet 3-inch Deals, 9 inches wide, at £51. per Hundred in the Timber-Yard, reckoning Six Score to the Hundred, containing 225 Cubic Feet, or 4½ Loads of Timber.

Thicknesses.	Prime Cost of 10-feet Deals.	Prime Cost, withSawing and Land- Carriage.	May be charged at per Deal in Day- Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Run in Day-Bills.	May be charged at per Foot Super in Day-Bills.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½-inch Deal-----	1 5	1 8	2 1	0 2½	0 3
¾-do.-----	2 1½	2 4½	2 11½	0 3½	0 4¾
1-do.-----	2 10	3 1	3 10¼	0 4½	0 6¼
1¼-do.-----	3 6½	3 9½	4 9	0 5¾	0 7½
1½-do.-----	4 3	4 6	5 7½	0 6¾	0 9
2-do.-----	5 8	5 11	7 4¾	0 8¾	0 11¾
2½-do.-----	7 1	7 4	9 2	0 11	1 2¾
3-do.-----	8 6	8 9	10 11¼	1 1¼	1 5½

Prime cost of fir timber at £11. 6s. 8d. per load, containing 50 cubic feet, which is after the same ratio, per foot cube, as the deals above described.

	s. d.
Prime cost, at per foot cube.....	4 6½
Ditto, with sawing.....	4 9½
Ditto, including land-carriage, one mile.....	4 10½
May be charged in day-bills, which include 20 per cent. profit, and an allowance of six feet for waste on each load, for sawing, &c.....	6 6

Explanation
of the given
average prices
of timber.

The subsequent abstract shows, at one view, the average prices at which fir timber has been estimated per load in the preceding Tables, with the price per foot cube, which may be charged in day-bills, from Table No. 1, to Table No. 14. The total amounts of which are added together, in order to ascertain, and at the same time to explain, the manner in which the average prices of timber have been calculated.

		Prime Cost of Timber.			May be charged in Day-Bills.	
		£.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Table of the average prices of timber.	Fir timber, at per load, according to Table, No. 1...	2	13	4	1	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do..... do. No. 2...	3	6	8	2	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do..... do. No. 3...	4	0	0	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do..... do. No. 4...	4	13	4	2	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do..... do. No. 5...	5	6	8	3	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do..... do. No. 6...	6	0	0	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do..... do. No. 7*..	6	13	4	4	0
	Do..... do. No. 8...	7	6	8	4	4
	Do..... do. No. 9...	8	0	0	4	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do..... do. No. 10†.	8	13	4	5	1
	Do..... do. No. 11..	9	6	8	5	5
	Do..... do. No. 12..	10	0	0	5	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do..... do. No. 13..	10	13	4	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do..... do. No. 14..	11	6	8	6	6
		14) 98 0 0			2 18 4	
		£. 7 0 0			0 4 2	

Average price
of timber, how
proved.

By the total amounts of the average prices being added together, it appears the produce is £98., which being divided by 14, the number of Tables, the product is £7.; consequently, that sum may be considered as the nearest price to be governed by; and as £6. 13s. 4d., in the above abstract, approximates nearly to the amount, in Table, No. 7, it has been selected to govern the leading prices, but for timber only.

Further proof
thereof.

It appears, also, that, by adding the average prices at which fir timber may be charged in day-bills, they are equal to the sum of £2. 18s. 4d., which being also divided by 14, produces the sum of 4s. 2d., and this also nearly corresponds with the price per foot cube, in Table, No. 7. Under these circumstances, it is evident that the principle adopted to ascertain an average scale upon which to act, is founded in truth, and therefore consistent with justice.

Elucidation
of the five prin-
cipal items in
Carpentry.

Having communicated the plan that should be adopted in arriving at the correct average value of the works in question, the next step we shall take will be to explain the nature of the *five* principal items, under the head of rough car-

* The Table by which the price of timber is governed in the subsequent prices.

† The Table by which the prices of framed-work, &c. in deals is governed, and likewise every other description of work where deals are substituted for timber.

penter's work, which consists, in the *first* place, of fir in bond-timber, lintels, and wall-plates. *Secondly*, in rough fir, framed, consumed in floors, roofs, partitions, and works of a similar description. *Thirdly*, of the same material converted, which is not only framed, but wrought; that is, planed all round, which is frequently requisite in situations where the work is exposed to view. *Fourthly*, of fir, wrought, framed, and rebated; the meaning of which last term implies a species of grooving upon the edges of timber required in various sorts of works. *Fifthly*, of fir, wrought, framed, rebated, and beaded, in door-cases, and in works of similar denominations. Now, as the above *five* items comprise very considerable portions of the usual works in every building, it is necessary these prices should be fairly investigated, in order that we may proceed, in regular succession, to accomplish the object in view.

According to the Table, No. 7, we find the average price of fir timber to be 4*s.* per foot cube (the natural price at the present period, and likely to continue), which includes cartage, sawing, an allowance of six feet for waste, which is liberal, and 20 per cent. profit. Of course, we must consider the raw article, at 4*s.* per foot cube, handsomely allowed for; and, therefore, in pursuance of the plan proposed, nothing further remains to be done but to exercise sound discretion, in adding rational prices for the labour to the prime cost of the materials, which should be consistent with the average value of labour, and a fair profit thereon. And, upon due consideration, with reference to the allowances made in the foregoing calculations, 7*d.* per foot cube, on the average, is considered a fair price for labour and nails upon rough fir, in bond timber, lintels, and wall-plates, &c.; 10*d.* upon rough fir, framed; 13*d.* upon fir, wrought and framed; 16*d.* upon fir, wrought, framed, and rebated; and 22*d.* upon fir, wrought, framed, rebated, and beaded; which prices for labour regulate the five subsequent articles on Carpenter's works, estimated upon the principle of the prime cost of timber, in Table, No. 7; as well as in all the preceding Tables, commencing with No. 1 and ending at No. 14. But, to elucidate this part of our subject, the Table, No. 7, has been selected, and because the following prices on rough Carpentry has reference thereto throughout this work.

*Prime Cost of Timber, at £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* per Load, in reference to TABLE, No. 7.*

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
Fir, without any labour, per foot cube.....	4	0	Value of labour and materials on the five principal items.
1, Do. in bond-timber and lintels.....	4	7	
2, Do. in framed work.....	4	10	
3, Do. wrought and framed.....	5	1	
4, Do. wrought, framed, and rebated.....	5	4	
5, Do. wrought, framed, rebated, and beaded.....	5	10	

When the prime cost of timber is at any of the intermediate prices described in the Table, calculations should be made upon the preceding principles, by which means the exact value of the work may be correctly ascertained, and tables of prices made to suit any part of the kingdom; and, wherever the work is executed, due care should be taken to include all contingent expenses, in order that the prime cost *per foot cube*, in the leading article of *fir, without any labour*, may

Continuation of the five principal items in Carpentry.

Elucidation of Table, No. 7.

Value of labour on fir timber.

Value of the labour on the five principal items of Carpentry.

Value of labour and materials on the five principal items.

Intermediate prices.

Contingent expenses to be included.

embrace every expense up to the time the timber is converted, including the fair profit of 20 per cent.; which, although sometimes cavilled at by penurious valuers, is not, by any means, inconsistent, when compared with the great losses to which tradesmen are continually exposed in the prosecution of their business.

Further explanation of Tables, in reference to the qualities of timber.

Various qualities of timber used for the same purposes.

Consistency to be observed in valuation thereof.

Relative value of timber in England and Ireland.

Five sorts of foreign fir timber in common use.

In the preceding Tables of timber and deals, reference is made to only one description of fir timber, and to one sort of deals, which plan has been adopted in order to avoid falling into erroneous calculations. For, by mixing the qualities of materials at different prices, it would soon render the system as intricate as compounding numbers of various denominations; and, therefore, to preclude the confusion that must necessarily arise under such circumstances, we have hitherto avoided making any observations upon the different qualities of timber which are mixed up in public as well as private buildings. But, as it would be impossible to take an impartial view of the subject without animadverting upon the qualities of the materials of the same species, and used for the same purposes, it will be incumbent to show that the value of the work must have reference to the quality and value of the materials, as well as to the goodness of the workmanship. But, as it is well known that five different sorts of fir timber is constantly in use, and which vary in price and quality, how is it possible that one price can apply to each article, unless the average be taken conjunctively with the value of labour? It is true, the most correct method would be to value each description of timber by its relative prime cost; but, in a work of this description, which has been composed for the purpose of diffusing general information, by an average scale of prices, it would, it is presumed, be inconsistent to pursue any other course; we shall, therefore, endeavour to prove what is the average value of timber, according to the current prices of the United Kingdom. Taking into consideration that 50 cubic feet of fir timber is a load in this part of the kingdom, and 40 cubic feet in the sister country; but, as the relative value is the same in both places, the average price per foot cube will be easily comprehended by the following statement of 50 cubic feet to the load.

	£.	s.	d.
Prime cost of Dantzic and Riga, per load.....	7	0	0
Ditto for Memel	6	15	0
Ditto for Brewick	6	5	0
Ditto for best American pine.....	6	0	0
Ditto for inferior pine.....	4	10	0
	5) 30 10 0		
	<hr/> Average price £.6 2 0 <hr/>		

Average value of timber considered

Now, by the foregoing abstract, it appears that £6. 2s. is the average price per load; but as the latter produces fractions in the sub-division into cubic feet, it would be as well to consider the price at 2s. 6d. per foot, which will be after the rate of £6. 5s. per load; and this may be considered the average price in every part of the kingdom. But, where Dantzic, Memel, Brewick, or American pine and spruce timber, is entirely used in the same building, the prices should there be estimated according to their respective prime costs.

In the Table, No. 7, to which the subsequent prices of timber alludes, the value of it is estimated at £ 6. 13s. 4d. per load, in order that it may correspond with the deals in the same table. The scientific builder will, therefore, perceive that we have been liberal in allowances; yet it will appear that our prices differ materially from those in general circulation.

An abstract of the deals, from Table, No. 7, will show the price at which deals of their various thicknesses may be charged, per feet run and superficial, in day-bills, when the prime cost of ten-feet three-inch deals are at £ 30. per hundred, as per table, supposing the average price to be reduced to the relative average market-price of timber; but as the current prices of timber and deals, as before observed, are always at variance, as regards their cubical estimation, it will be necessary to show in what way the average price of deals has been ascertained, in order that the scales, by which the subsequent prices have been regulated, may be duly appreciated, by the Tables, Nos. 7 and 10, which may be considered, at the present, and perhaps at any period, as *fair average tables* for regulating the leading articles of Carpentry and Joinery, comprised in the several thicknesses of deals usually employed in building.

Now, as the cubical contents of one hundred ten-feet three-inch deals is 225 cubic feet, it would appear that when they are at £ 39. per hundred, that £ 6. 13s. 4d. is the fair value for a load of timber, as per Table, No. 7; but, as the current prices of the various sorts of timber, and the current prices of the different sorts of deals never agree, in reference to their superficial or cubical contents, it will be requisite to show, in the admixture of materials of the same species, how it arises that the same sort of materials do not at all times correspond, in degrees of similitude, as to their value, as will appear by the following list, which contains the average prime cost of the several description of deals at all times in general use, not only in the metropolis, but in every part of the kingdom.

Table, showing the average Prime Cost of three-inch Deals.

ft.	£.	s.	d.	
8...The best eight-feet deals, three inches thick, per hundred	30	0	0	
8...Do. seconds.....	27	0	0	
8...Do. thirds.....	25	0	0	
10...The best ten-feet three-inch deals per hundred.....	40	0	0	
10...Do. seconds.....	35	0	0	
10...Do. thirds.....	30	0	0	
12...The best twelve-feet three-inch deals per hundred.....	50	0	0	
12...Do. seconds.....	45	0	0	
12...Do. thirds.....	40	0	0	
14...The best fourteen-feet three-inch deals per hundred....	55	0	0	
14...Do. seconds.....	50	0	0	
14...Do. thirds.....	45	0	0	
10) 132 equal to 13 ten-feet three-inch deals, and 2 over.	12)	472	0	0
	£.	39	6	8

The average price of fir timber compared.

Reasoning upon the correct method of finding the average.

Reference to the fair average Tables.

On the value of the cubical contents of ten-feet deals.

The annexed Table shows the correct method of finding the average price.

Explanation,
proving the
system to be
correct.

Hence, it will appear, if 13 be multiplied by 120, it will produce 1560, which is equal to 1,300 of ten-feet three-inch deals. Then say, if 1560 ten-feet three-inch deals cost £472., what will one ten-feet three-inch deal cost? which will point out which of the preceding tables should govern the average prices of the deals, in the subsequent description of works on Joinery as well as Carpentry.

	<i>deals.</i>	<i>£.</i>	<i>deal.</i>
The previous question proved.	1560	: 472	:: 1
		20	
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	1560	9440 (6s.	
		9360	
		<hr/>	
		.80	
		12	
		<hr/>	
		960	120
		4	6
		<hr/>	
The fraction $\frac{1}{2}d.$ unnoticed.	1560	3840 ($\frac{1}{2}d.$	2,0) 72,0
		3120	
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		.720	Aver. ... £.36 0 0 per hund.
		<hr/>	
			Or 6s. per deal.

The Table,
No. 10, proved
to be the cor-
rect average
guide.

Now, by the foregoing calculation, it is evident that the average price of ten-feet three-inch deals is £36. per hundred, which accords with the Table, No. 9, wherein it will be seen that ten-feet three-inch deals are estimated at 6s. each, in the prime cost column; but, taking into consideration that a greater proportion of *prime* deals are used on the average than the inferior sort, we have fixed upon the Table, No. 10, as the average table, wherein it will also appear that the prime cost of ten-feet three-inch deals are £39. per hundred, and, of course, the ten-feet three-inch deals at 6s. 6d. each. This mode of arranging the prices has been duly considered, with references to the employer and employed; and we trust it will give all parties, who may be interested in the development of such matters, general satisfaction.

Observations
on the erro-
neous methods
of calculating.

It is well known to those concerned in the building profession, that, although it is the custom, in works of this description, to calculate the value by the highest prices of timber and deals; yet it seldom happens, except in public buildings, that materials of the best description are used throughout; and, in consequence thereof, a work of this description has been called for, as being essentially necessary to point out some of the growing evils arising out of information, perhaps well-intended, but which, we think, in the highest degree, calculated to destroy all manner of confidence between man and man, as regards the honest value of Carpenters' and Joiners' works.

Principles to
be adopted
where different
qualities of
materials are
introduced.

Wherever it happens that the first and second best materials are converted for the purposes described, the price of the work should be estimated accordingly; and, in like manner, if the materials converted should be of the third-rate quality, then the same course should be adopted; but where they are incorporated and

compounded with various qualities, which is commonly the case in repairs, and also in buildings erected upon speculation on leasehold ground, the average current price of timber and deals should be resorted to, as the only criterion to regulate the value of the several works in question; and where these or similar principles are not adopted, it is impossible that the scales of justice can be equitably poised, as between buyer and seller, or employer and employed.

It must be remembered that battens may be charged at two-thirds the value of the deals in the several tables, which, on the average, may be estimated at £26. per hundred; and in proportion for clean or picked deals, free from knots and other imperfections.

Having now, as we conceive, prepared the mind with a series of documents, to establish the consistency of creating prices according to circumstances, we shall proceed, in detail, to enumerate such general lists of Carpenters' and Joiners' works as are usually required in public and private edifices, taking into consideration the value of the labour, including allowances for waste, and at the same time incorporate the value of the glue, nails, and screws, where requisite, commencing first with three-inch deals, and successively in progression, up to half-inch deals, the separate value of each of which items, as charged at per foot superficial in the preceding Table, No. 10, being deducted from the amounts of the several prices, as hereinafter described, will show the allowances for labour, according to the recent advance of wages, including waste, with liberal profits thereon, in addition to the profits on the materials, as explained in the tables. This information being given, it is presumed unnecessary to crowd the work with a series of ambiguous prices for labour only, upon which so many vague and indefinite opinions are entertained, even by men of the greatest intelligence and soundest judgement. The ingenious artisan, who has rendered himself competent to the execution of scientific works, required to be superlatively done, ought to be paid in proportion to his talent and industry; but as adroitness and human ingenuity cannot be correctly measured or valued by any definite rule which can prove generally satisfactory, the value of the labour ought to be left, in all cases of doubt, to the judgement and sound discretion of the valuator, who is usually governed by the goodness, difficulty, and neatness of workmanship. Presuming, therefore, that the following description of works is to be performed in a workmanly manner, the value for the labour has been regulated accordingly; but, with due respect, in cases of doubt, information is recommended to be obtained through the medium of experienced *Architects*, *Surveyors*, and *Scientific Builders*. Of such, many have most liberally contributed towards the perfection of this Work; and their sentiments are in accordance with our own, as to the necessity of communicating every species of information upon a subject, which is intended, not only to promote the interest of the building profession, but likewise to instruct the rising generation in the correct principles which are requisite to ensure success and honourable patronage.

Leasehold ground.

Battens may be charged.

Glue, nails, and screws, to be incorporated.

Allowances according to the late advance of wages.

The proper persons to value ingenious works.

THE AVERAGE PRICES
OF
MASTER CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' WORKS,
INCLUDING THE MATERIALS,

ESTIMATED FROM THE PRIME COST OF TEN-FEET THREE-INCH DEALS, IN
TABLE, NO. 10; AND FOR FIR TIMBER, AS PER TABLE, NO. 7.*

Three-inch Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

3-inch deal.	Rough three-inch deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit,	s.	d.
	which includes waste	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. with labour and nails	1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. with edges shot	1	4
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. planed one side	1	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. dovetailed	1	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. framed	1	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. planed two sides	1	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. keyed or clamped	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
3-inch gates.	Three-inch deal twelve-paneled gates, bead, butt, and square	2	11
	Do. bead and flush	3	1
	Do. bead and flush, both sides	3	4
	Do. with twenty panels, or more, and wicket-gate	3	8

Two-inch and half Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal.	Rough 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit,		
	which includes waste	0	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. with labour and nails	1	2
	Do. with edges shot	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. planed one side	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	5
	Do. clamped	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. framed	1	7
	Do. planed two sides	1	5
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. keyed and clamped	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

* The recent advance of 6d. per day upon Carpenters' and Joiners' wages, in the metropolis, has caused the author to increase the prices in proportion to the wages adverted to in page 13, which was printed before this part of our work.

	s.	d.	
2½-inch deal six-panel square doors.....	1	8½	2½-inch deal
Do. moulded panels, one side.....	1	9¼	six-panel
2½-inch deal six-panel bead, butt, and square, doors.....	1	10¼	doors.
Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	10¼	
Do. moulded panels on both sides.....	2	0	
Do. bead and butt.....	2	1	
Do. bead and flush.....	2	2	
Do. bead, butt, and flush.....	2	3	
Do. bead and flush, two sides.....	2	4	
2½-inch deal four-panel square doors.....	1	7¾	2½-inch deal
Do. moulded panels, one side.....	1	9	four-panel
2½-inch deal four-panel, bead, butt, and square doors.....	1	9¾	doors.
Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	10	
Do. moulded panels, both sides.....	1	10½	
Do. bead and butt.....	1	11	
Do. bead and flush.....	2	0	
Do. bead, butt, and flush.....	2	0½	
Do. bead flush, two sides.....	2	1	
2½-inch deal two-panel square doors.....	1	7	2½-inch deal
Do. moulded panels, one side.....	1	8	two-panel
2½-inch deal two-panel bead, butt, and square, doors.....	1	8½	doors.
Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	9	
Do. bead, butt, and flush.....	1	9½	
Do. bead flush both sides.....	1	10	
2½-inch deal framed gates, with half-framed rails and braces, filled in with 1¼-inch deal, rebated and beaded.....	2	1	2½-inch deal
Do. with battens.....	2	4¼	gates.
Do. gates, framed, flush and square, with 20 panels.....	2	4½	
Do. bead flush both sides.....	2	8½	
Do. pallisadoe-gates, lower part bead, butt, and square, filled in with pallisadoe.....	2	2	
Do. bead flush bottom.....	2	3	
Do. in 18 panels, bead, flush, and square.....	2	6	

As the value of gates, of the above description, entirely depends upon their designs, the prime cost of the time and materials should be kept, in order that suitable prices may be ascertained. Prime cost of gates.

Two-inch Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

Rough 2-inch deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit, which includes waste.....	0	9	2-inch deal.
Do. with labour and nails.....	0	11¼	
Do. with edges shot.....	0	11¾	
Do. planed one side.....	1	0¾	
Do. ploughed and tongued.....	1	2¼	
Do. dovetailed.....	1	3¼	
Do. framed and clamped.....	1	4¼	

		s.	d.
2-inch deal.	2-inch deal, planed two sides	1	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. ploughed and tongued	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. keyed and clamped	1	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. dovetailed	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. in drawer fronts	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-inch deal six-panel doors.	2-inch deal six-panel square doors	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. moulded one side	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. bead, butt, and square	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. moulded on both sides	1	8
	Do. bead and butt	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead flush and bead butt	1	9
	Do. bead-flush, both sides	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-inch deal four-panel doors.	2-inch deal four-panel square doors	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. moulded on one side	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead, butt, and square	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	7
	Do. moulded on both sides	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead and butt	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead and flush	1	8
	Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-inch deal two-panel doors.	2-inch deal two-panel square doors	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. moulded one side	1	5
	Do. bead, butt, and square	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	6
	Do. moulded on both sides	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-inch deal sash-doors.	2-inch deal ovolo sash two-panel square doors	1	5
	Do. moulded and square, or bead butt	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	6
	Do. both sides moulded	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. do. and bead butt	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. do. and bead flush	1	7
	Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-inch deal partitions.	Do. bead flush, both sides	1	8
	2-inch deal square framed partitions	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. moulded and square, or bead butt	1	5
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. both sides moulded	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. do. and bead and flush	1	7
	Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2-inch deal outside doors.	Do. bead flush, both sides	1	8
	2-inch deal six-panel outside doors, the upper panels quirk ovolo bead and square back, bottom panels bead flush, with bead butt or moulded backs	1	10
	Do. bead butt or moulded back	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead flush back	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$

	s.	d.	
2-inch deal six-panel doors, the four upper panels raised, and moulded square back	1	11	2-inch deal doors.
Do. and bead butt back	1	11½	
Do. and bead flush back	2	0	
2-inch deal two-panel doors, the upper part quirk ovolo bead and square backs, the bottom panel bead flush, with bead butt or mould back...	1	7½	
Do. three-panel do.....	1	8	
Do. four-panel do.....	1	8½	

For all manner of external or internal doors which vary from such as are not in general use, an account should be kept of the time and materials, and if measured, the price computed in reference to the prime cost, or dissected in the manner before described.

Inch-and-half Deal, at per Foot Super, according to TABLE, No. 10.

Rough 1½-inch deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit, which includes waste	0	7	1½-inch deal.
Do. with labour and nails	0	9¼	
Do. with edges shot	0	9¼	
Do. planed one side	0	10½	
Do. ploughed and tongued	0	11¼	
Do. dove-tailed.....	1	0¼	
Do. planed two sides.....	1	0	
Do. ploughed and tongued.....	1	1	
Do. keyed or clamped.....	1	2	
Do. dove-tailed	1	3	
Do. in drawer-fronts, &c.	1	3½	
1½-inch deal single rebated door-linings	1	2	1½-inch deal door-linings and grounds.
Do. and beaded	1	2½	
Do. double rebated	1	3	
Do. and beaded	1	3½	
1½-inch deal one-panel door-linings.....	1	2½	
Do. moulded or bead butt	1	3	
Do. bead flush	1	3½	
Do. with raised mouldings	1	4	
1½-inch deal skeleton or framed grounds	0	11½	
1½-inch deal six-panel square doors	1	2	1½-inch deal six-panel doors.
Do. moulded and square, or bead butt	1	3	
Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	4	
Do. bead, flush, and butt, or mould back.....	1	4	
Do. both sides moulded.....	1	4	
Do. bead flush, both sides	1	5	
Do. bead butt, or moulded back	1	5	
Do. and bead flush back.....	1	5½	
Do. both sides	1	6	
1½-inch deal four-panel skeleton doors	0	8½	1½-inch deal four-panel doors.
Do. flush-paneling for covering, square back	1	1	
Do. flush on both sides for ditto	1	2	

		s.	d.
1½-inch deal four-panel doors.	1½-inch deal four-panel square doors.....	1	1
	Do. moulded and square, or bead butt.....	1	1
	Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	2
	Do. bead, flush, and butt, or moulded back.....	1	2½
	Do. moulded on both sides.....	1	3½
	Do. bead flush, both sides.....	1	4
1½-inch deal two-panel doors.	1½-inch deal two-panel square doors.....	1	1
	Do. moulded and square, or bead and butt.....	1	2
	Do. both sides moulded.....	1	2½
1½-inch deal sash-doors.	1½-inch deal ovolo sash two-panel square doors.....	1	2½
	Do. moulded and square, or bead butt.....	1	3
	Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	3½
	Do. both sides moulded.....	1	4
	Do. do. and bead butt.....	1	4
	Do. do. and bead flush.....	1	4½
	Do. bead, flush, and butt.....	1	5
	Do. bead flush, both sides.....	1	5½
1½-inch deal partitions.	1½-inch deal framed square partitions.....	1	1¾
	Do. moulded and square, or bead butt.....	1	2½
	Do. bead, flush, and square.....	1	3
	Do. both sides moulded.....	1	4
1½-inch deal columns and pilasters.	1½-inch deal diminished columns, glued and blocked, not less than 15 inches diameter.....	3	6
	Do. from 14 inches to 9 inches diameter.....	3	9
	Do. under 9 inches diameter.....	3	11
	1½-inch deal pilasters.....	1	6
	1½-inch deal plain level skirting.....	1	1
1½-inch deal skirtings.	Do. torus skirting.....	1	2
	Do. plain raking.....	1	3½
	Do. torus.....	1	4

Inch-and-Quarter Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

1¼-inch deal.	1¼-inch deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit, which in- cludes waste.....	0	6
	Do. with labour and nails.....	0	8½
	Do. with edges shot.....	0	8½
	Do. planed one side.....	0	9½
	Do. ploughed and tongued.....	0	9¾
	Do. clamped.....	0	11
	Do. planed both sides.....	0	10¾
	Do. ploughed and tongued.....	0	11½
	Do. keyed or clamped.....	1	0
	Do. dove-tailed.....	1	1½
	Do. in drawer-fronts.....	1	2
1¼-inch deal skirtings.	1¼-inch deal plain level skirtings.....	0	11¾
	Do. torus do.....	1	0½
	Do. plain raking do.....	1	2

	s.	d.	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal torus raking-skirtings	1	2	
Do. framed square window-backs	1	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. bead butt	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	window-backs.
Do. moulded	1	2	
Do. bead flush	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. raised moulding	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framed circular one edge	1	6	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. moulded	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	window-backs, elbows,
Do. bead flush	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	and soffits.
Do. raised moulding	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. square-framed circular two edges	1	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Do. bead butt	2	2	
Do. moulded	2	3	
Do. bead flush	2	4	
Do. raised moulding	2	5	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal splayed boxings for inside-shutters	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. square do.	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	boxings for
Do. circular on the plan	1	10	inside shut-
Do. semicircular heads	2	4	ters.
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal clamped flap-shutters, one height	1	2	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. four-panel framed square, in two heights	1	4	inside shut-
Do. bead butt	1	5	ters.
Do. moulded	1	6	
Do. bead, flush, and square	1	6	
Do. moulded and bead butt	1	7	
Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	8	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal two-panel sliding-shutters	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. bead, butt, and square	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	sliding shut-
Do. moulded	1	2	ters.
Do. bead, flush, and square	1	2	
Do. moulded and bead butt	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	3	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal clamped outside-shutters	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. two-panel square do.	1	1	outside shut-
Do. bead, butt, and square	1	1	ters.
Do. bead, flush, and do.	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	4	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal two-panel square shutters	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal
Do. bead, butt, and square	1	2	inside shut-
Do. bead, flush, and square	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	ters, for shops
Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	4	and fronts, &c.
Do. bead flush, both sides	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal three-panel bead, butt, and square shutters	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. bead, flush, and square	1	3	
Do. bead, flush, and butt	1	5	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framed enclosures	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. bead butt	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

		s.	d.
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framed enclosures, moulded	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead flush	1	2
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal door-linings.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal single rebated door-linings	1	0
	Do. and beaded.	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. double rebated	1	1
	Do. beaded	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal one-panel square single-rebated linings.....	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead butt	1	1
	Do. moulded.....	1	1
	Do. bead flush	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. moulded	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. with raised mouldings.....	1	2
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framed grounds.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framed grounds	1	0
	Do. with semicircular heads	1	10
	Do. circular on the plan	1	5
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framed dwarf- doors.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal one-panel square dwarf-doors.....	1	1
	Do. bead butt.....	1	2
	Do. moulded and square.....	1	2
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. with projecting mouldings	1	3
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal room-doors.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal two-panel square doors	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead butt	1	0
	Do. moulded and square.....	1	0
	Do. four-panel square doors.....	1	0
	Do. bead butt.....	1	1
	Do. moulded and square.....	1	1
	Do. bead, flush, and square	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead, flush, and butt.....	1	2
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal ledged-doors.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch rough deal ledged-doors	0	11
	Do. planed	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. ploughed, tongued, and beaded.....	1	0
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal dwarf wains- coting and partitions.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal square dwarf-wainscoting.....	0	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. moulded	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead flush.....	1	0
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal square framed partitions	1	0
	Do. diminished columns, glued and blocked, not less than 15 inches diameter	2	9
	Do. from 15 inches to 9 inches.....	3	0
	Do. under 9 inches.....	3	4

Inch Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

Inch-deal.	Rough inch-deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit upon the prime cost, which includes waste	0	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. with labour and nails	0	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. with edges shot.....	0	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. planed one side.....	0	8
	Do. ploughed and tongued.....	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$

	s.	d.	
Rough 1-inch deal, clamped.....	0	9½	1-inch deal.
Do. planed both sides	0	9	
Do. ploughed and tongued	0	9½	
Do. clamped	0	10	
Do. dove-tailed	0	11½	
Do. in drawers	0	11½	
Do. in fronts.....	1	0½	
1-inch deal square skirting.....	0	9½	1-inch deal skirtings.
Do. torus do.	0	10	
Do. plain raking do.	1	0	
Do. torus do.	1	0½	
1-inch deal keyed dado.....	0	10½	1-inch deal
Do. raking do.	0	11½	dado.
Do. circular on the plan	1	9	
Do. and sharp curve	2	0	
1-inch deal two-paneled square back-linings.....	0	11	1-inch deal back-linings.
Do. two-panel bead butt.....	1	0	
Do. three-paneled square linings.....	0	11½	
Do. do. bead butt.....	1	0¾	
Do. four-paneled square linings	1	0	
Do. do. bead butt.....	1	1	
1-inch deal plain keyed	0	11½	1-inch deal
Do. square framed	1	0	window-backs, &c.
1-inch deal splayed window-boxings.....	1	3¾	1-inch deal
Do. square do.....	1	2½	window-boxings and shutters.
1-inch deal clamped shutters in one height.....	0	11	
Do. in two panels, square framed	1	1½	
Do. bead butt.....	1	2½	
Do. moulded and square.....	1	2½	
Do. bead, flush, and square	1	3	
Do. bead, flush, and butt.....	1	4	
1-inch deal two-panel square shutters	0	11	1-inch deal
Do. clamped do.	0	10½	outside shutters.
1-inch deal framing to inclosures	0	10½	
Do. bead butt	0	11	
Do. moulded.....	0	11	
1-inch deal single rebated door-linings	0	10½	1-inch deal
Do. and beaded	0	11	door-linings.
Do. double rebated	0	11½	
Do. do. and beaded	1	0	
1-inch deal framed grounds	0	10½	1-inch deal
Do. circular on the plan.....	1	3¾	framed grounds.
1-inch deal one-panel dwarf-doors	0	11½	1-inch deal
Do. bead butt.....	1	0½	dwarf-doors.
Do. moulded and square	1	0½	
Do. bead, flush, and square	1	1	
1-inch deal four-panel square doors	0	11	1-inch deal room doors.

		s.	d.
	1-inch deal four-panel square doors, moulded	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. bead, butt, and square	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. two-panel square doors	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1-inch deal	1-inch deal rough-ledged doors	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
ledged doors.	Do. planed do.	0	10
	Do. ploughed, tongued, and beaded	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
1-inch deal	1-inch deal framed wainscoting	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
wainscoting.	Do. dwarf do.	0	10
	Do. glued and blocked	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Three-quarter Inch Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal, without any labour, but with 25 per cent. profit on the prime cost, which includes waste	0	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. with labour and nails	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. with edges shot	0	6
	Do. planed one side	0	7
	Do. grooved and tongued	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. curved to soffits, &c.	0	10
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal, planed two sides	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. grooved and tongued	0	8
	Do. keyed and clamped	0	9
	Do. dovetailed in drawers	0	11
	Do. in covers and bearers	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. to doors and chimneys	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal square skirting	0	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
skirtings.	Do. torus skirting	0	9
	Do. plain do., scribed to steps	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. torus do.	1	0
	Do. rebated plinth to base moulding	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. raking do.	1	0
	Do. plain level circular skirting	1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. torus do.	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. plain circular raking do.	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. torus do.	1	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal rough-ledged doors	0	8
ledged doors.	Do. planed	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. ploughed, tongued, and beaded	0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$

Half Inch Deal, at per Foot Super. according to TABLE, No. 10.

$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal.	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal, without any labour, but including 25 per cent. profit on the prime cost, which includes waste	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. with labour and nails	0	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. with edges shot	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. planed one side	0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. grooved and tongued	0	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Do. bent to soffits, &c.	0	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Do. planed two sides	0	8 $\frac{1}{4}$

	s.	d.
$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal, grooved and tongued	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do. dovetailed in drawers	0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do. in covers and bearers	0	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Do. in chimney caps, &c.	0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$

OBSERVATIONS ON THE FOREGOING PRICES OF JOINERY.

In the preceding calculations, which include the *average* value of the materials, labour, profit, and land-carriage, to the distance of one mile, our principal object has been to communicate correct ideas of what prices may be fairly charged, supposing the materials to be mixed in the proportionate ratios before described.

In the few items which have been selected to elucidate this part of our work, great pains have been taken to arrange them with order and perspicuity: the sincerest hope, therefore, is entertained that the perusal of them will prove satisfactory to those who are in search of general information.

And, taking the subject into consideration, with reference to the foregoing calculations, we are of opinion that the subjoined condensed general average prices will be found extremely useful in making estimates; under the supposition that the aggregate quantities of work to be performed may or will be composed of works, in like degrees of similitude, both as regards the materials and labour, which will serve to reduce the antecedent prices to the following average standard, and at the same time present to the mind a scale of prices, easy to comprehend and to remember, as the number of items will then only consist of eight, the usual thicknesses of deals known to be used in building.

First List, comprising the average Value of 3-inch Deal Framing, with reference to the foregoing calculations, in TABLE, No. 10, including all Materials.

	s.	d.	
3-inch deal framing, at per foot super.....	1	11	Average value of deal framing, in reference to Table, No. 10.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch do.....	1	8	
2-inch do.....	1	5	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	1	2	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do.....	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1-in. do.....	0	11	
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.....	0	9	
$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	0	7	

It is but candid to observe, that the last-mentioned and subsequent condensed lists of prices will be only applicable to such works as are square, and which may be found to approximate to the general lists of those before described.

It cannot be too often repeated, that the antecedent and subsequent prices of Joinery have been governed by the Table, No. 10, which embrace the general average value of ten-feet three-inch deals, at £ 39. per hundred; at which rate, it is presumed, the average prices of deals may be estimated in every part of the kingdom. The value, therefore, of the raw materials, at per foot superficial and

Profit and land-carriage,

Perspicuity in the arrangement of prices requisite.

Condensed average prices useful in estimating materials and labour.

Average value of 10-ft. 3-in. deals at £ 39. per hundred.

By examination it will appear 20 per cent. profit is allowed, and 5 per cent. for waste.

Average difference in the value of framing.

running measure, being deducted, as before-mentioned, from the general prices, will show the various sums allowed for labour and nails, with the profit thereon, in addition to the profit of 25 per cent., which includes waste, on the materials, as comprised in the valuation of deals, which may be ascertained by the inspection of Table, No. 10, and the residue of the tables constructed for similar purposes.

Now, by the preceding arrangement of prices, regulated by the thicknesses of deals, it will be observed, that the average difference in the value of framing, in reference to the various sorts of workmanship, is not equal to what might be expected, and more especially where the excellence or degrees of goodness in labour may happen to arise among the same description and thicknesses of deals. From hence, it is evident that general average prices may be found with great ease, which, it is presumed, will answer every purpose in common calculations, and spare an infinity of trouble; to effect which, these ideas are with pleasure communicated, for the use of those who may not always find leisure to enter into the detail and minutiae of estimates.

Second List of general average Prices of Deal Framing, when 10-feet 3-inch Deals are at £42. per Hundred, as per TABLE, No. 11.

	s.	d.
The annexed is a similar Table to the former.	3-inch deal framing, at per foot super	2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1 9
	2-in. do.	1 6
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1 3
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do.	1 1
	1-in. do.	1 0
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.	0 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Third List of general average Prices of Deal Framing, when 10-feet 3-inch Deals are at £45. per Hundred, as per TABLE, No. 12.

	s.	d.
This Table is likewise in similitude to the preceding	3-inch deal framing, at per foot super.	2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1 10
	2-in. do.	1 7
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do.	1 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1-in. do.	1 0
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch do.	0 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch do.	0 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

Fourth List of general average Prices of Deal Framing, when 10-feet 3-inch Deals are at £48. per Hundred, as per TABLE, No. 13.

	s.	d.
This Table is also correspondently constructed.	3-inch deal framing, at per foot super	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
	2-in. do.	1 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$

	s.	d.
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal framing, at per foot super	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
1-in. do.....	1	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.	0	10
$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	0	8

*Fifth List of general average Prices of Deal Framing, when 10-feet
3-inch Deals are at £51. per Hundred, as per TABLE, No. 14.*

	s.	d.	
3-inch deal framing, at per foot super	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	And this Table in like manner to the four preceding.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	2	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	
2-in. do.....	1	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do.....	1	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
1-in. do.....	1	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.....	0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	
$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	0	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	

By the five preceding lists, it will be seen, at one view, that a series of prices have been condensed within a narrow compass, for the purpose of estimating upon general principles, which will be found extremely useful where dispatch is required, in making estimates and generalized calculations.

In the series of prices from which the general average lists have been made, it must be remembered that all manner of allowances have been considered, as regards the items described; but where it occurs that such or similar works are circular, or circular circular, then, and in all such cases, according to the quickness of the curvatures, the prices must be increased in proportion to the ratios of difficult or intricate workmanship, progressively increasing from one-third to two-thirds and upwards in advance for labour, and in equal degrees for the value of the materials, which in the progress and execution of such works is unavoidably wasted.

Wainscot doors, that is, doors made of that sort of wood, commonly called wainscot, or Dutch oak, should be valued according to the same principle as deal doors, taking the prime cost of the wood as a *data* to commence with. The same must also be observed with respect to mahogany, satin, and other choice woods, with reference, also, to the goodness and neatness of the workmanship; and as the time occupied in making such articles entirely depends on the designs furnished for the purpose, detailed accounts should be kept of the men's wages, in order that suitable prices may be added to the value of the wood, which may then be very easily ascertained by admeasurement.

ON DAY-WORK.

WHEN it is understood that Carpenters' and Joiners' works are not to be measured, the only way in which the tradesman can make out his claim is to prefer a day account, specifying in general terms the works that have been performed by the several workmen, whose time is usually charged and compounded with the materials which have been consumed. To a considerate mind it would

General utility
of the five pre-
ceding tables.

Allowances to
be considered
in valuing cir-
cular works.

Accounts to
be kept of the
prime cost of
wainscot, ma-
hogany, satin,
and other
fancy doors.

The practice
of making out
day accounts.

Most open
practice re-
commended
to prevent
disputes.

appear that objections could not be raised to this apparent and most rational mode of delivering in accounts; but as bills of this sort are frequently put together in a very unsatisfactory way, disputes often arise; and where it is possible the works are subsequently measured, and the accounts analysed by investigators, at a considerable expense. It is, therefore, to be regretted that our friends in the building profession do not, upon all occasions, keep and send in copies of their accounts in the most clear and intelligent manner, making distinct charges against EACH ITEM; which system, if adopted, it is presumed, would prevent many very unpleasant disputes.

THE
AVERAGE PRICES
OF
MASTER CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' WORKS,
WHEN CLAIMED IN DAY-BILLS.

		s.	d.
Day's work.	CARPENTER or Joiner, in London and its environs, per day*.....	6	6
	Do. for a single hour	0	6½
	Do. if in the country, but according to the local wages, and in proportion thereto.		
For timber.	Best Memel timber, per foot cube	4	0
	Do. Dantzic Riga	4	0
	Do. best American	3	6
	Do. inferior	3	0
10-feet deals, each at.	10-feet 3-inch yellow deals, when at £39. per hundred, each at.....	8	5¼
	2½-in. do.....	7	1
	2-in. do.....	5	8½
	1½-in. do.	4	4½
	1¼-in. do.....	3	9
	1-in. do.....	3	0½
	¾-in. do.....	2	4
	½-in. do.....	1	8
If 12 ft. or 14 ft., add ⅓th or ⅔ths. to the above prices.			
Deal, per foot run.	3-inch deal, per foot run, when at £39. per hundred.....	0	10¼
	2½-in. do.....	0	8½
	2-in. do.....	0	6¾
	1½-in. do.....	0	5¼
	1¼-in. do.....	0	4½

* This charge is made under the impression of Journeymen's wages being 5s. 6d. per day; which, in our opinion, ought never to be less in the metropolis, to men who are meritorious, sober, industrious, and well-conducted.

	s.	d.	
1-inch deal, per foot run, when at £39. per hundred.....	0	3	
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.	0	$2\frac{3}{4}$	
$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	0	2	
10-feet 3-inch deal, per foot super, when at £39. per hundred	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	10-feet deals per foot super
$2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	0	$11\frac{1}{4}$	
2-in. do.....	0	9	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	0	7	
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do.	0	6	
1-in. do.....	0	$4\frac{3}{4}$	
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.	0	$3\frac{3}{4}$	
$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
Use and waste of fir timber, at per foot cube.....	1	4	Use and waste of timber.
Do. deals, in the same proportion, one-third.			
4-inch wrought-iron butt-hinges and screws, per pair, 3d. per inch	2	0	Butt-hinges.
$3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	1	9	
3-in. do. do.	1	6	
$2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	
$2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	1	3	
$2\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
2-in. do. do.	1	0	
$1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	$10\frac{1}{2}$	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	9	
2-inch wrought-iron back flap-hinges and screws, per pair, at 3d. per inch	1	0	Back flap- hinges.
$1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	$10\frac{1}{2}$	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	0	9	
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
1-in. do. do.	0	6	
12-inch wrought-iron HL-hinges and screws, at per pair, $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. per inch..	3	0	HL-hinges.
10-in. do. do.....	2	6	
9-in. do. do.	2	3	
8-in. do. do.	2	0	
7-in. do. do.....	1	9	
6-in. do. do.....	1	6	
5-inch wrought-iron parliament-hinges, with screws, at per pair, 3d. per inch	2	6	Parliament hinges.
$4\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	2	3	
4-in. do. do.	2	0	
$3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	1	9	
4-inch cast-iron butt hinges, with screws, at per pair, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. per inch.....	1	8	Cast butt- hinges
$3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
3-in. do. do.....	1	3	
$2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	1	$1\frac{1}{4}$	
$2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	1	$0\frac{1}{2}$	
$2\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	11	
2-in. do. do.	0	10	
$1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	$8\frac{3}{4}$	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	$6\frac{1}{4}$	

		s.	d.
Cast back flap-hinges.	2-inch cast-iron back flap-hinges, with screws, per pair, $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ per inch ..	0	10
	$1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	$8\frac{3}{4}$
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$
	$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	$6\frac{1}{4}$
Cast parliament-hinges.	$4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cast-iron parliament-hinges, with screws, per pair $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ per inch	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$
	4-in. do. do.	1	8
	$3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Brass butt-hinges.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch brass butt-hinges and screws, per pair, $4d.$ per inch ..	1	8
	2-in. do. do.	1	4
	$1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.	1	2
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	1	0
	$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	10
	1-in. do. do.	0	8
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	6
	$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	0	4
Flush-bolts.	30-inch brass flush-bolts and screws, at per inch $2d.$..	5	0
	24-in. do. do.	4	0
	20-in. do. do.	3	4
	18-in. do. do.	3	0
	16-in. do. do.	2	8
	14-in. do. do.	2	4
	12-in. do. do.	2	0
	10-in. do. do.	1	8
	8-in. do. do.	1	4
	6-in. do. do.	1	0
	5-in. do. do.	0	10
	4-in. do. do.	0	8
	3-in. do. do.	0	6
	2-in. do. do.	0	4
Rod-bolts.	10-inch bright iron rod-bolts, with screws, at per inch $1\frac{3}{4}d.$..	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
	9-in. do. do.	1	$3\frac{3}{4}$
	8-in. do. do.	1	2
	7-in. do. do.	1	$0\frac{1}{4}$
	6-in. do. do.	0	$10\frac{1}{2}$
	5-in. do. do.	0	$8\frac{3}{4}$
	4-in. do. do.	0	7
Barrelled-bolts.	12-inch iron barrelled-bolts, with screws, $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ per inch ..	2	6
	10-in. do. do.	2	1
	9-in. do. do.	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$
	8-in. do. do.	1	8
	7-in. do. do.	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
	6-in. do. do.	1	3
Iron rod-bolts.	10-inch iron rod-bolts, with screws, at $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ per inch ..	1	3
	9-in. do. do.	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$
	8-in. do. do.	1	0
	7-in. do. do.	0	$10\frac{1}{2}$
	6-in. do. do.	0	9
	5-in. do. do.	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$
	4-in. do. do.	0	6

	s.	d.	
4-inch screws, at per dozen.....	0	11½	Screws.
3½-in. do. do.....	0	10½	
3-in. do. do.....	0	9½	
2½-in. do. do.....	0	8½	
2-in. do. do.....	0	7½	
1¾-in. do. do.....	0	6½	
1½-in. do. do.....	0	5½	
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	4½	
1-in. do. do.....	0	3½	
¾-in. do. do.....	0	2½	
Two-shilling nails, per hundred.....	2	0	Nails
Twenty-penny do.....	1	8	
Ten-penny do.....	0	10	
Eight-penny do.....	0	8	
Six-penny do.....	0	6	
Four-penny do.....	0	4	
Three-penny do.....	0	3	
Two-penny do.....	0	2	
Spikes and holdfasts, at 5d. per pound.			
2-inch iron pullies, 3d. per inch.....	0	6	Pullies.
1¾-in. do. do.....	0	5¼	
1½-in. do. do.....	0	4½	
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	3¾	
2-inch brass pullies, 6d. per inch.....	1	0	
1¾-in. do. do.....	0	10½	
1½-in. do. do.....	0	9	
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	7½	
Common sash-line, per yard.....	0	3	Sash-lines, &c.
Best do.....	0	4	
Patent do.....	0	6	
Cast-iron sash-weights, per lb.....	0	2	
Lead do.....	0	5	
Glue, per lb.....	1	4	
White lead.....	0	8½	
Pitch.....	0	6	
Common stock-locks, are from 1s. 6d. each to 2s., 2s. 8d., 3s. 3d., 3s. 9d., 4s. 4d., Common stock-locks.			
5s. 5d., 6s., 7s., 8s., to 10s. and upwards.			
Iron locks, with brass handles, are from 4s. 10d. each to 5s. 5d., 6s. 6d., 7s., 8s., Locks with brass handles.			
10s., to 14s. and upwards.			
4-inch, 5-in., 6-in., and 7-in. iron-rim locks, are from 1s. 8d. each to 2s., 2s. 6d., Rim-locks.			
2s. 9d., 3s., and 3s. 6d. and upwards.			
8-inch, 9-in., 10-in., and 12-in. iron-rim drawback-locks, are from 7s. each to Rim drawback locks.			
8s., 8s. 6d., 9s., 9s. 6d., and 10s. and upwards.			
It is usual, in public works, to charge 15 per cent. profit on the prime cost of ironmongery, which is presumed to be a very fair allowance.			
Observe.—Master-Carpenters and Joiners will be justified in charging two- Profits on pence-halfpenny in the shilling on the prime cost of wages paid to their men, wages.			

- provided those wages correspond with the average wages usually given, which, in London and its environs, may be considered at 5s. 6d. per day, where the master may charge 6s. 6d., which will be only twenty per cent. profit.
- Oak and elm timber.** As English, Irish, and American oak, with elm, Dutch wainscot, and the different sorts of Spanish mahogany, are in constant use in Carpenters' and Joiners' works, it will be necessary to give some account of these different sorts of wood, for the information of those who are not particularly conversant in building.
- English and Irish oak.** *British and Irish Oak*, both of which are highly appreciated, may be considered, with few exceptions, as at the same price in every part of the kingdom; and in those parts where the growth of it is encouraged, the price will be found nearly the same as the best fir timber imported into these countries for the purposes of building: its qualities, however, for general uses, are not held in the same estimation, for although more durable, it is not calculated for roofing, flooring, and numerous other purposes which could be adduced, in consequence of its liability to swag, which is invariably the case where the greatest precautions are not taken by superabundance of trusses and struts, which not only tend to incumber, but to distress, the internal and external walls by unnecessary weights. Oak, however, is well known to be a wood very useful, judiciously introduced in public and private edifices, and will for ever be esteemed in these countries for its general utility, but more especially for ship-building. The price of English oak, in London, is about *one-third* dearer than the best foreign timber, and may be estimated, in reference to Table, No. 9, at twice the prime cost of fir timber in that table.
- Oak to be avoided in roofing.**
- Ship-building Oak in London.** American oak is inferior to our English or Irish timber of the same sort: it is imported in a desirable state to manufacture, being nearly dye-square, and is found very useful for general purposes, and the price may be estimated in the metropolis, or at any of our sea-ports in England, Ireland, and Scotland, in reference to Table, No. 8, at double the prime cost of fir timber, with the profit thereon.
- Elm timber.** *Elm Timber.*—This favourite of English soil is not less entitled to our consideration than the valuable oak: under water it is superior to the latter; and hence it is, that the keels of our ships are made with that material, which, for a variety of useful purposes, cannot be surpassed by any other species of wood known to grow in these countries. It is, however, seldom used in any but inferior buildings, and when introduced may be estimated, in reference to Table, No. 12, when the prime cost of fir timber is at 4s. per foot.
- Dutch wainscot.** *Dutch Wainscot.*—This wood may be properly called Dutch oak: it is the same species of wood as our English or Irish timber before described, but of a lighter quality, and the grain of the wood far more interesting, insomuch as it induces manufacturers, in many parts of the kingdom, to convert it into articles of household-furniture, which, in the castellated mansion, and the *cottage orncé*, is extremely appropriate.
- Beautiful furniture made with this wood.**
- Wainscot-sashes.** In our modern buildings, Dutch oak, or *wainscot*, is made use of for various purposes, but chiefly in sashes of different descriptions, and in cabinet-work appropriated for libraries, morning-rooms, and reading-rooms: it is therefore classed with mahogany, being, on most occasions, substituted for that material, and may be estimated, in reference to Table, No. 12, at three times the prime cost of fir timber.

Mahogany.—This choice and valuable wood is also very frequently used in finishing buildings; it is the produce of the West-Indies, and is imported into Europe in logs of considerable bulk, the intrinsic value of which entirely depends upon the grain of the wood, which cannot be discovered until it has been opened or sawn asunder; it is therefore impossible to communicate decisive opinions, as to the appreciation of it, in any other way than by stating, in general terms, that *mahogany, fit for the purposes usually applied in buildings,* is about five times the prime cost, value of fir timber, in Table, No. 12.

Mahogany,
produce of
the W. Indies.

Qualities dis-
covered when
sawn.

s. d.

English or Irish Oak Timber may be charged in day-bills, in great and small scantlings, at twice the prime cost of fir timber, in TABLE, No. 9,

English oak,
in reference to
Table, No. 9.

which will be, at per foot cube.....	6	5
$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch oak plank, at per foot super.....	0	4
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	6
1-in. do. do.....	0	8
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	10
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	1	0
2-in. do. do.....	1	4
$2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	1	8
3-in. do. do.....	2	0

American Oak Timber may be charged in day-bills, in great and small scantlings, at twice the prime cost of fir timber, in TABLE, No. 8,

American oak
in reference to
Table, No. 8.

which will be, at per foot cube.....	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch American oak plank, at per foot super.....	0	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
1-in. do. do.....	0	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
2-in. do. do.....	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
$2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	1	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
3-in. do. do.....	1	10

Elm Timber may be charged in day-bills, in great and small scantlings, at the prime cost of fir timber, in TABLE, No. 12, which will be, at per foot cube.....

Elm timber, in
reference to
Table, No. 12.

per foot cube.....	4	0
$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch elm plank, at per foot super.....	0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	4
1-in. do. do.....	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
$1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	8
2-in. do. do.....	0	11
$2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
3-in. do. do.....	1	4

Dutch Wainscot.—The following prices may be charged for this sort of wood, reckoning the value at about three times the prime cost of fir timber, in TABLE, No. 12, which will be, at per foot cube.....

Dutch wains-
cot, in refer-
ence to Table,
No. 12.

0

		s.	d.
Wainscot.	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Dutch wainscot, at per foot super	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	10
	1-in. do. do.....	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	1	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2-in. do. do.....	2	3
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	3-in. do. do.....	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mahogany.	The average value of good Spanish Mahogany (so called from being imported from a Spanish colony) may be estimated at about £1. per foot cube, supposing the quality equal to what is required for common building purposes, which will regulate the following prices, at about five times the average prime cost of fir timber, in TABLE, No. 12, which will be, at per foot cube.....		
		20	0
Mahogany, in reference to Table, No. 12.	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch mahogany, at per foot super, with sawing	0	11
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1-in. do. do.	1	10
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	2	9
	2-in. do. do.....	3	8
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.	4	7
	3-in. do. do.....	5	6

ON SASHES, SASH-FRAMES, FRENCH CASEMENTS, SKY-LIGHTS, &c. &c.

Sashes, fixed and hung.

SASHES are sometimes fixed, but, for the most part, they are single or double hung, or else made to slide; when fixed, they are usually in shop-windows, or prepared to fit apertures left for the purpose of admitting light, at the same time, by being glazed, excluding the inclemencies of the weather; but, without good reasons to the contrary, sashes, in rooms and staircases, &c. should, on all occasions, be double hung, for the purpose of ventilation; for it is well known, that fresh air rushes in at the bottom, and that the foul air escapes at the top: the truth of which may be proved, by placing a lighted candle at the bottom of a room door-way; and, at the same time, holding another candle at the top of the same aperture, on making this experiment, it will be presently observed that, by the pressure of the fresh air, the blaze from the candle at the bottom will be impelled inwards; and that, by the contrary pressure of the foul air, making its escape at the top, the blaze of the uppermost candle will be impelled outwards: this experiment being proved, we presume it will be sufficient to convince any man of common understanding that windows, in rooms and staircases, &c., on all occasions, should be double hung, where the health of our fellow-subjects is taken into consideration. We hope, therefore, in future, that in all our modern edifices, whether public or private, that the principle of fixing either the upper or lower sashes, except in cases of necessity, will be done away, and this hope is the more ardently entertained from the conviction that fevers, of the worst description, are frequently generated and increased in our apart-

Ventilation by double hanging.

Experiment to prove, by a lighted candle, the current of foul and fresh air.

Room and staircase windows.

Windows in modern edifices.

ments, not only in public but private dwellings, by the want of a regular system of ventilation.

Sashes are of various descriptions, and are made of different sorts of wood, Sashes, various sorts. generally with clean yellow deal, but frequently with mahogany and wainscot, each of which materials are well suited for the purposes mentioned. Sashes made of deal, of the best quality, are much appreciated, but they are not equal to those which are made of wainscot or mahogany, nor are they so expensive. Wainscot sashes are next, in point of worth, to those made of deal, and on the average may be estimated at double the value, and mahogany at nearly three times, if made with wood of the best sort.

To ascertain the intrinsic value of sashes, the quantity and quality of the materials should be computed by dissected admeasurements, abstracted for the purpose, in order to shew the relative quantities, in reference to the qualities, as in the manner heretofore described upon the subject of doors; and, having found, by similar means, the quantity of materials in a sash, or number of sashes, the next step to be taken should be, to calculate the value of such materials by the prime cost tables, in order that such valuations of the materials may be guides to commence with: the next step to be taken should be, to find the *average* value of the labour, by reference to the comparative degrees of time, that men of ordinary abilities would take to perform the same quantities of work; having computed the value thereof, the same should be added to the value of the materials: then proceed to measure the superficial contents of such sash or sashes; which, being known, then say, if so many feet cost the sum ascertained, what will one foot cost? which being computed, you will obtain the *desideratum*, to which must be added 20 *per cent.* profit, with the labour of hanging or fixing, as the case may be.

It must, however, be observed, that, although the before mentioned is the only system which can be adopted to arrive at the real value of the articles in question, yet it must be recollected that sashes are of various sizes; that the squares, as they are called, are of all manner of dimensions, in reference to different proportioned windows; consequently, the quantity of materials must be constantly at variance with any presumed standard: of course the prices of sashes will be found to vary, according to circumstances, in the same ratio, as the sizes of windows, or quantities of materials which may be consumed in different proportioned sashes; the only information, therefore, which can be safely conveyed in a work of this sort, is, to communicate average lists, leaving valuers to exercise their mental faculties, in finding out such prices, at intermediate times, or under any circumstances whatever, but always in reference to the qualities of the materials and the workmanship.

French casement-sashes, or what may be more properly called sash-doors, differ materially from sash-windows, which are hung in the ordinary way, inasmuch as they are made to hang horizontally, and to turn one-quarter, or one-half, round, upon butt or pivot hinges; yet the workmanship may be considered nearly equal, including the extra work which is necessary in forming the requisite appurtenances, by rebating, grooving, tonguing, and beading, the middle and external, as well as top and bottom, rails. The squares, in the last description of sashes, are, in general, larger than those which are hung with weights,

How to value sashes.

Materials, and number of squares.

Prime cost tables.

Labour on sashes.

Superficial contents.

What will one foot cost.

Only system to be adopted.

Squares of various sizes.

Price must vary according to sizes.

Proportions of sashes.

Average prices.

Valuator to exercise discretion.

French casements;

principle of hanging them, &c.

Rebates and grooves.

Squares to French casements larger than common sashes. Circular sashes double price.

Practice of Valuers.

Sky-lights, how to value.

Sash-frames. Hollow sash-frames.

Weights, lines, and pulleys.

Weights may be rectified. Heads of sash-frames.

Solid sills, single or double sunk.

How to value sash-frames.

Superficial feet in frames, arithmetically valued.

Nominal standard price.

Cased and solid frames.

lines, and pulleys; but the quantities of wood consumed in them is not less, as the external rails are necessarily wider, than the description of sashes last alluded to.

Circular sashes; that is, sashes made for semicircular apertures over doors and windows, are worth, at least, double the value of square sashes, and should be estimated accordingly: it is, however, the custom with some valuers to embrace in the admeasurement of circular-headed windows, all that appertains to such windows as being circular: it is true, the value may be ascertained correctly by these means, but the principle is not good, for reasons which must be obvious; the best way is to value the circular and square parts separately, that each description of work may be recognized by its proper description, or subsequent valuation.

The value of common sky-lights should be also ascertained in the manner already described: and, having now travelled through the article of sashes, it is presumed we have given as much information upon this part of our subject as can be required.

Sash-frames are either solid or deal cased: in the latter case they are made hollow, for the purpose of containing the weights and affixing the pulley-pieces thereto, that the sashes may be suspended by lines, and counterpoised by means of cast-iron or leaden pendants, equal to or superior to the weights of the sashes and glass; by which means the sashes may, with facility and safety, be raised up and pulled down. The weights, or pendants, are secreted in the hollow casings with closed apertures, which may be easily taken out and replaced when required, in order to regulate the weights and lines. The heads of these descriptions of frames are nearly the same as their perpendicular sides, but the sills are invariably made solid, of fir or oak, single or double sunk, to throw off the wet upon the stone sills, strings, or belting courses, which, on all occasions where introduced, should be throated to prevent the water trickling down the faces of the walls.

To compute the value of sash-frames of the description before mentioned, by the *foot superficial*, it will be necessary to proceed in the same manner as recommended in similar instances; that is, by analysing all the component parts, consisting of the deal casings, the external beads, the parting beads, the parting slips, the pulley-pieces, the heads and sills, and whatever appertains to the frame, a detailed bill of the several parts being made, the total amount, with twenty per cent profit thereon, will be the intrinsic value; but, as the ulterior object of such valuations is intended to show the value per foot superficial, of such sort of frames, the lengths and breadths thereof should be taken, and duodecimally multiplied, the product of which will be the superficial contents: then say, if the number of feet or inches contained in the said frame or frames are worth the amount of the detailed bill of component parts, what will be the worth of one foot superficial measure? which, being ascertained, will be a nominal standard price for frames of the description alluded to; but where they are all different in denomination, the same operation must be repeated *ad infinitum*, not only with reference to deal cased-frames, but also to deal and oak solid frames, where the qualities and quantities of workmanship and materials are at variance with the prices which have been, from time to time, regulated according to local

usages, or by any peculiar standard which may have been made to suit particular districts. From hence, it is evident, that fixed or standard prices cannot be universally supported for sashes or frames, or for any other description of work, which must entirely depend upon the component parts being of the same denomination, and the prime cost of the materials being different at sundry places. It is true these variations or aberrations from general customs seldom occur; nevertheless, it is the duty of valuers, on all occasions, to make their computations upon such uncontrovertible principles, that, if investigated, they may be able to prove the accuracy of their calculations.

On the duties of valuers.

When solid casement frames are made for French sashes, which open like folding doors, if the frames are valued by the foot superficial, the same principle should be adopted to find the value, as in the last instance; but we can see no reason why solid casement-frames should not be classed with fir proper door-cases, and charged at per foot cube, with additional prices for the extra labour in grooving, to receive the tongues let into the external rails of the sashes, as well as for the consequent superior degrees of workmanship in double sinking the solid oak sills, &c.

The same principle to be adopted with casement-frames.

The custom, in the metropolis, of valuing sashes and frames in superficial feet, is not generally approved; inasmuch as the usual charges thereon convey wrong notions: yet the principle is correct, but not easy to be reconciled. For what, in appearance, can be more at variance with common sense, than to raise fictions for the purpose of reasoning upon facts? Nevertheless, we know this to be the case, and, *without* the fear of being contradicted, it is stated that the value of sashes and frames discovered, by the means hereinbefore explained, is accurate; although apparently inconsistent, the mode of arriving at the truth is circuitous, and might be remedied. However, as the most scientific architects, as well as surveyors, have sanctioned the custom alluded to, it might perhaps be considered *presumptuous* to attempt to set aside the custom in question, which has been ratified by the approbation of eminent men for ages past.

Customs observed in London.

Sashes, fitted and hung, in reference to the Prime Cost of Deals, &c. when at £39. per Hundred, per Foot Super.

	s.	d.	
2-inch deal ovolo sashes.....	0	10	2-inch deal sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	1	6	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	1	2	
1½-inch deal straight ovolo and astragal sashes.....	0	9	1½-inch deal sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	1	4	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	1	0½	
2-inch ovolo wainscot sashes.....	1	2	2-inch wainscot sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	2	2	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	1	8	
2-inch ovolo mahogany sashes.....	1	8	2-inch mahogany sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	3	3	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	2	6	
1½-inch deal square fan-lights, fixed.....	0	9	Fan-lights.
Do. with semicircular heads.....	1	5	

Designs for
sashes and
frames, and
how to value
them

If at any time descriptions of sashes should be introduced which are thicker than those we have described, or should be worked to different patterns, they should be estimated accordingly; and, if circular on the plans, as well as in the elevations, the prices should be trebled. The designs for sashes and frames are so numerous, that it would be almost impossible to construct, or to contemplate, prices which can or could have reference to them; but with the instructions we have communicated, it is presumed that any man of moderate talent, and with ordinary application, may compute prices suited to every description, not only of sashes but of frames, including pulley-pieces, lines, and weights, &c., of every and each denomination.

French Casement Sashes, &c. per Foot Superficial, in reference to the Prime Cost of Deal, when at £39. per Hundred.

		s.	d.
Deal casement sashes.	2½-inch deal ovolo casement sashes	1	4
	2-in. do.	1	2
	1½-in. do.	1	0
Wainscot do.	2½-in. wainscot do.	2	0
	2-in. do.	1	8
Mahogany do	2½-in. mahogany do.	2	8
	2-in. do.	2	2

Sky-lights, per Foot Superficial.

2-inch oak sky-lights.	2-inch oak champhered sky-lights	1	2
	Do. to an irregular plan	1	4
	Do. hipped	1	10
2-inch deal sky-lights.	2-inch deal ovolo sky-lights	0	11
	Do. to an irregular plan	1	0
	Do. hipped	1	7
	1½-inch deal ovolo sky-lights	0	9

Shop windows
to be valued
according to
sizes of
squares.

Sashes for shop-windows should be estimated according to the sizes of the squares; if they are large, the materials consumed will be considerably less than when they are small; and in the same ratio the labour will be reduced, as in proportion to the number of squares the labour increases, *ad infinitum*; and therefore the quality of the materials should be first ascertained, whether *deal*, *wainscot*, or *mahogany*, the intrinsic value of which, together with the value of the labour, and 20 per cent. profit, will be the honest value of shop sashes of each denomination, whether *straight*, *circular*, or *elliptical*; but if either of the latter, of course the value of the labour will be greater, in reference to the flatness or quickness of their curvatures, the value of which should be determined by the valuator, or else proved by the time consumed in making and fixing. Indefinite prices for works of this description, which refer to shop-windows, are particularly calculated to mislead those who are uninformed upon our subject; and therefore it has been deemed expedient to develop the proper way of arriving at the truth, which cannot fail to prove satisfactory to those in search of correct information.

Calculations
in reference to
windows.

What has been stated with respect to sash shop-windows, equally applies to all manner of sash-windows; for upon the sizes of the squares must depend the intrinsic value of the sashes. Upon a general view, therefore, it is evident that definite prices cannot be ascertained for sashes, which are as indefinite as the sizes of the openings they are made to occupy. Under these circumstances, the value of sashes should always be proportioned to the sizes of the squares, or to the number of them: for example, suppose an aperture, 8 feet high and 4 feet wide, was required to be fitted with 2-inch deal sashes, or made of wainscot or mahogany, and that the sashes were required to be *three* square wide and *four* square high; and that a similar aperture was required to be fitted with sashes of the same thicknesses, but *six* squares wide and *eight* squares high, would it not be absurd to charge both descriptions of sashes at the same price? Yet we know this to be the case, not only in London, but in many parts of the kingdom; and, under these impressions, we are of opinion that the custom alluded to, of valuing sashes in the manner described, is extremely inconsistent; and what can be more so, than to observe the value of sashes, estimated by references to their thicknesses, and not by the quantities of materials, or the value of the labour? And it is upon these principles of reasoning, as by the foregoing *exposè*, we venture to state, that the value of the two sets of sashes must be widely different, inasmuch as the value of the materials of the one set must be double the value of the other, and the value of the labour in the same proportion, of course the net value per foot superficial must be at variance, in the ratio of two to one. And considering the subject as regards the interest of the builder, when viewed upon an extensive scale, we have been induced to notice the custom, in the hope that hereafter equitable prices may be allowed, on all occasions, for sashes, consistent with the honest value of the work, as well as the correct average value of the materials.

Shop-windows governed by the same principles as sash windows.

Sashes to be estimated by the quantity of materials, and value of labour.

Average Value of Sash Frames, per Foot Super.

	s.	d.	
1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills for 2-inch sashes, with brass pullies, prepared to be double hung.....	0	11	Frames for 2-inch sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	1	11	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	1	5	
1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills for 1½-in. sashes, with iron pullies, prepared to be double hung.....	0	11	Frames for 1½-inch deal sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	1	9	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	1	4	
1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills for 2-in. sashes, with wainscot pulley pieces, and beads and brass pullies, prepared to be double hung	1	4	Frames for 2-inch deal sashes.
Do. circular headed.....	2	7	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	1	11½	
1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills, mahogany pulley pieces and beads, including brass axle pullies for 2-inch sashes, prepared to be double hung.....	1	7	Frames for 2-inch deal sashes, with brass axle pullies, &c.
Do. circular headed.....	3	3	
Do. circular on the plan only.....	2	6	

		s.	d.
Sashes and frames, 2-inch deal sashes.	1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills, 2-inch deal ovolo sashes, double hung, with brass pullies, best white lines and iron weights, all complete	1	9
	Do. circular headed	3	5
	Do. circular on the plan only	2	7
Sashes and frames, 1½-in. deal sashes.	1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills, 1½-inch deal ovolo sashes, double hung, with iron pullies, best white lines and iron weights, all complete	1	7
	Do. circular headed	3	3
	Do. circular on the plan only	2	6
Sashes and frames, 2-inch wainscot sashes.	1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills, 2-inch wainscot ovolo sashes, double hung, with wainscot pulley pieces and beads, and brass pullies, best white lines and iron weights, all complete	2	7
	Do. circular headed	5	2
	Do. circular on the plan only	4	10
Sashes and frames, 2-inch mahogany sashes.	1-inch deal cased frames, with oak sunk sills, 2-inch mahogany ovolo sashes, double hung, mahogany pulley pieces and beads, including brass axle pullies, best white lines and iron weights, complete	3	9
	Do. circular headed	7	6
	Do. circular on the plan only	5	6

ON STAIRCASES.

On geometrical, circular, and elliptical staircases; how to value them.

In the multifarious articles on Joiners' works, there are none which require more judgement and penetration, as to valuation, than those about geometrical staircases, which are of various forms, but seldom or never of the same sizes, except in houses built in towns, finished in the same manner, and where what has been done in one or more instances may be guides for all the rest; but in public or private edifices of superior descriptions, where the staircases are frequently circular, elliptical, and of various complicated shapes, suited to the ingenuity of the plans, the several parts must, of course, vary in their dimensions and intricacy of workmanship, which will cause the value of the works to be more or less expensive in proportion to the quickness of their curvilinear shapes, or the sizes of the spaces they occupy. Under these circumstances, indefinite prices for the intricate parts of staircases, which depend upon their various sizes, cannot be relied on. The valuator, therefore, must exercise his judgement in these, as well as in similar cases, by dissecting the component parts, in order that he may arrive at degrees of information, not to be attained by any other means. We are aware he will have to contend with difficulties, and frequently to depend upon second-hand information; but as the best description of our artisans may be relied on, little doubt is entertained that, in most cases, the truth may be obtained, both as regards the quantum of time and the materials, so that the principles of justice may be equitably administered, by the value of the works being honestly accounted for. The information conveyed upon this subject, it is presumed, will more than compensate for a series of doubtful calculations which cannot

How to value difficult parts.

Intelligent artisans may be relied on.

afford the least satisfaction: such prices, however, as relate to staircases in general, are embodied in this work and are subsequently introduced; and which, with the aid of these instructions, will, it is presumed, diffuse as much general information as can be looked for in a Price-Book, written for the avowed purpose of elucidating the correct principles of ascertaining the honest value of every description of work appertaining to building, not only in the British metropolis, but in every part of the empire.

The following are the general Description of Works alluded to in Staircases, at per Foot Superficial, &c.

	s.	d.	
1½-inch clean deal steps, risers, and carriages, with moulded fronts	2	10	Deal steps, risers, car- riages, &c.
Do. second best do.	2	6	
Do. common steps, risers, and carriages.	1	4	
Do. clean deal, dowelled, half spaces, and joists	3	8	
Do. second best do.	2	10	
1¼-inch deal common steps, risers, and carriages, per foot super.	1	7	Deal steps, risers, and car- riages, per foot super.
Do. with moulded nosings, do.	1	8	
Do. curtailed at both ends, do.	2	0	
Do. second best deal moulded nosings, do.	2	4	
Do. clean deal, do.	2	8	
1¼-inch deal plain string board, framed in newels, planed two sides, and capped, do.	1	1	String-boards.
1½-in. do. do.	1	2	
Do. single sunk and beaded, do. do.	1	4	
Do. double sunk and beaded, do.	1	5	
Do. architrave string-board, do.	1	6	
3-inch deal square newels, capped, per foot run	0	5½	Newels, per foot run.
Do. turned do. do.	0	9	
3½-inch deal square do. do.	0	7	
Do. turned do. do.	0	10½	
4-inch square do.	0	10½	
1-inch deal square bar balusters.	0	2½	Brackets, &c each at.
Do. dovetailed.	0	3½	
Turned pendants to newels, each at	0	6	
Do. turned and mitred caps to newels.	1	4	
Deal turned columns, of larger dimensions than the above newels, to be paid for in proportion to their sizes.			
1¼-inch plain deal brackets, with moulded nosings, ordinary size, each at	1	0	
Do. cut mitred brackets and nosings to stairs, do.	1	8	
Do. scroll brackets, do.	2	0	
Plain cut brackets and nosings to steps, do.	1	10	
2½-inch deal framed cut brackets, moulded, do.	1	11	
Circular do., with moulded nosings, do.	1	10	
Straight moulded deal hand rail, per foot run.	1	2	
Deal moulded hand-rail, ramped and knee'd, per foot run.	3	3	

		£.	s.	d.
Deal hand-rails.	Deal circular hand-rail, ramped and knee'd, per foot run.	0	4	4
	Do. twisted and ramped, do.	0	6	0
Mahogany hand-rails.	4-inch mahogany moulded hand-rail, straight, do.	0	3	6
	Do. ramped and knee'd, do.	0	7	0
	Do. twisted do. do.	0	10	0
3-inch do.	3-inch mahogany moulded hand-rail, straight, do.	0	3	3
	Do. ramped and knee'd, do.	0	6	6
	Do. twisted do. do.	0	9	9
3-inch circular &c.	Do. circular or oval, glued up in the thicknesses to a regular circle or oval plan, the top or rail cross banded, do.	0	16	0
	Do. to an irregular plan, the rails cross-banded, do.	0	19	0
	Circular or oval mahogany hand-rail, glued up in thicknesses to a regular circle or oval, with veneers to correspond, the top rail cross-banded, with the best wood, do.	1	2	0
3-inch oval, &c.	Do. to an irregular plan, do.	1	5	0

Observe.—All manner of deal turned balusters should be charged according to their lengths and thickness, at per dozen, the value of the material being first ascertained; and, likewise, that, for all manner of circular work, double measure or double prices must be allowed; and that, where the work is of a peculiar description, requiring more than double the labour, then an extra price should be allowed in proportion thereto.

ON CRADLINGS AND BRACKETINGS.

Cradlings to
coved cor-
nices, &c.

How to value
them.

Conscience to
be regulated
by principle.

THIS description of works consist in a series of pieces, of inch, inch-and-quarter, or inch-and-half deals, cut into divers shapes, for the purposes of forming coved cornices, ceilings, groins to passages, cornices to shop-fronts, and for various purposes. And it is possible the prices may be nearly ascertained in superficial feet, under the idea that the several pieces above described are about twelve inches apart; consequently, the value of the materials may, in certain degrees, be arrived at, by supposing the facts as stated; but it is impossible, after the works are secreted, to determine with accuracy the quantities of materials which have been consumed. The valuator must, therefore, as in similar instances, exercise his sound discretion and judgement by working problems and calculations, the result whereof is to satisfy himself; first, upon the value of the materials; and, secondly, on the labour which may be accomplished, by raising fictions correspondent with the former, so that he may, by degrees, discover settled and conscientious prices, without doing violence to his feelings. We must admit that the system pointed out is, like many others, unsatisfactory; but as it is the only rational method which can be pursued, under valuations by admeasurements, it is presumed a better remedy cannot be suggested, than by admitting the charges for such works in day-bills, which may be always satisfactorily proved, where accurate daily accounts are kept of the prime cost of workmen's wages, and the materials that have been consumed; but when the plan alluded to is not adopted, then the following prices may be allowed, or others assimilating thereto may be established.

General average Prices of Cradling, in reference to TABLE, No. 10.

	s.	d.	
1½-inch deal cradling to entablatures, per foot superficial	0	11	Cradling to entablatures, cornices, &c
Do. in cove-bracketing, in 2-inch thickness	1	0	
Do. to common cornices.....	0	7	
Do. circular do.	0	11	
Do. modillion and block cornices ..	0	9	
Do. circular do.	1	1	
Do. to groins.....	1	5	

ON DEAL MOULDINGS.

To commence with the valuation of deal mouldings, at *per foot* running measure, it will be necessary, in the first place, to consider their breadths and thicknesses, in reference to the value of the materials; for, although the price thereof may be considered comparatively small, yet it is the first object to be taken into consideration in the formation of prices. In the valuation, therefore, of mouldings, the Tables must be consulted to ascertain the value *per foot* run of slips of deal, according to the breadths and thickness of the mouldings proposed to be valued, in order that the intrinsic value of the materials may form the basis of the valuation; to which must be united the value of the labour, to be proportioned to the difficulty, neatness, and goodness, of the workmanship. Now, to exemplify what has been stated, let us suppose that the value of a moulding, 3 inches wide and 1½ inch thick, is required: first, look into Table, No. 10, and ascertain what is the value of 1½-inch deal, at *per foot* run, 9 inches wide, and, upon examination, it will prove to be 5¼*d.*: then, as 3 inches is the third of *nine*, the value of the materials for the proposed moulding will be the third of 5¼*d.*, which, being divided by *three*, the product will be 1¼*d.*, the value of the materials *per foot run*, to which must be added the value of the labour and the profit thereon, which will be equal to the value of the materials, making the total value of the moulding 3½*d.* *per foot run*, to which one half penny may be added for profit.

Deal, as well as all sorts of wood, mouldings, are of various shapes and sizes, and are introduced, where required, about the panels of doors, linings, window-shutters, architraves, bases, surbases, and all manner of joiner's works, to ornament the different parts of rooms, passages, staircases, &c.; and mouldings are likewise introduced in combinations to form cornices to apartments, as also to chimney-pieces; internal and external door-cases, in the composition also of bases and capitals; to columns and pilasters, with their respective entablatures. Nor are they less conspicuously introduced in every instance, where good sense and taste prevails in the distribution of modern joinery.

The value of mouldings, which are intermixed in cornices, accompanied with different square members, should be ascertained by the foot superficial; but where they are wrought in single mouldings, and fixed separately, then it is customary to value them by the foot running measure; in either case, however,

Deal mouldings, how to value.
Prime cost of materials.

Breadths and thickness.

Reference to Table, No. 10.

Shapes and sizes of mouldings.

Applications of them in bases, capitals, and columns;

Valued by the foot run and superficial.

Talent and ingenuity. the same principle of arriving at the value is recommended, which has been heretofore explained, always keeping in view the ingenuity, talent, and taste, which may have been displayed in the execution of the work.

Quirk, ovolos, ogees, &c. &c. Common ovolos, quirk ovolos, common ogees, and quirk ogees, are the description of mouldings, which are the most in use; but, besides these, the following may be enumerated: the two cymas, inverse and reverse, the torus, the scotia, the cavetto, the astragal, and the bead, each of which, together with the annulets or square fillets, which separate the mouldings, may be considered as legitimate architectural mouldings, inasmuch as their origin can be traced from antient Greek and Roman authorities: but, independent of those we have mentioned, numerous mouldings have been subsequently invented which appertain to the different styles of our national architecture; and where they are introduced, as in Gothic, Saxon, and castellated buildings, the workmanship should be valued in proportion to the difficulties, and the materials according to their quantities and qualities, in reference to their breadths and thicknesses, if valued by the foot running measure; but if superficially, then in reference to the superficial prime cost, per feet. Considerable pains have been taken to explain the minutiae of arriving at the value of moulded work, and this trouble has been taken with pleasure, in the hope that the subject may be thoroughly comprehended.

Saxon and Gothic mouldings.

Superficial prime cost.

Average Prices of Mouldings, &c. at per Foot Run, and Cornices, at per Foot Superficial.

		s.	d.
Deal mouldings, &c. per foot run.	Common ogee and ovolo mouldings, including fillets and beads, 3 inches wide and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick, per foot run.....	0	4
	Do. quirk ogee, and ovolo mouldings, do.	0	5
	Common ogee and ovolo mouldings, &c. $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. wide and $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. thick, do.	0	4
	Do. quirk ogee, and ovolo mouldings, do.	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Common ogee mouldings, &c.	Common ogee and ovolo mouldings, &c. 2-in. wide and $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. thick, do.	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. quirk ogee, and ovolo mouldings, do.	0	3
	Astragals and fillets on each side, mitred to panels of doors, do.	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Circular-headed doors.	Do. to shutters, do.....	0	3
	<i>Observe.</i> —If any of the above mouldings are applied to circular-headed doors and windows, the prices should be double; but if only circular on the plan, then one-half, or more, in proportion to the quickness of the curvatures. Mouldings of every description may be charged in the same ratio.		
Average prices of mouldings, per foot superficial.	Deal level strait mouldings out of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal, consisting of double sunk architraves, bases, surbases, and cornices, &c. per foot super	1	6
	Do. in raking cornices out of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. deal, do.....	1	8
	Do. where the breaks and mitres are numerous, do.....	2	0
	Do. in circular cornices, where the curves are flat, do.....	2	6
Circular cornices.	Do. in circular cornices, where the curves are sharp, do.	3	6
	Do. in small curves, which are semicircular, do.....	4	0
Pilasters.	Do. in double sunk architraves to windows, which are semicircular, do.	4	6
	2-inch deal reeded pilasters, straight, do.	1	10
	Do. circular on the plan, do.	2	6

	s.	d.	
Strait mouldings, mitred, to bases and capitals of pilasters, out of 2-inch deal, at per foot super	1	10	
Circular mouldings to bases and capitals of columns, out of 2½-in. deal turned, do.	3	8	Circular mouldings.
Modillions to Ionic and Corinthian cornices to be valued according to their sizes; also the mutules, triglyphs, and bells, in Roman and Grecian doric entablatures: the sizes of which being indefinite, of course prices, in reference thereto, would be inconsistent.			Mutules, &c.
Aris-flutings to pilasters, 1½-in. wide, per foot run	0	2	Flutings, &c. per foot run.
Rounded aris, do.	0	1½	
Elliptical or semicircular flutes, 1½-in. wide, do.	0	3½	
Do. headings to the above, each at do.	0	4½	
Small mitred astragals, &c. to pilasters, do.	0	3	
Do. circular do. to columns, do.	0	4	
Dentils, in cornices, should be charged according to their sizes; also sinkings for fret-work, and the grooving to correspond therewith, by the foot running measure; the fret-work to be charged at double, treble, or quadruple, the price of the straight grooving, as an equivalent for the extra labour: the advanced price for which will entirely depend upon the intricacy of the fret-work and the number of mitres; housings may be charged at 1½d. per inch.			Dentils. Fret-work. Grooving. Housings, &c.
As, in the foregoing list, references are at all times made to the existing prime cost of the materials, the value also of fillets, beads, and all manner of narrow members, should be estimated in like manner; as also square blocks to pilasters, turned pateras, and fancy ornaments of every description, which are occasionally introduced in Ornamental Joinery; extensive lists of which, it is presumed, will be deemed unnecessary, as the greatest pains have been taken to elicit the only means of ascertaining the value of whatever works are not described, but which may occur in the course of practice, and the value of which, in many instances, will depend on local circumstances.			Fillets or annulets. Square blocks and pateras, &c. Ornamental joinery.

	s.	d.	
Common 1-inch deal moulded surbases, two edges, 3 inches wide, per foot run.	0	4½	Average prices of surbases and architraves, &c. per foot run.
1-in. deal single architrave, 4 in. wide, do.	0	4½	
Do. do. 4½-in. wide, do.	0	5½	
Do. do. 5 in. wide, do.	0	6½	
Deal ovolo mouldings, 2-in. girt round panels of doors, mitred, do.	0	3	Paneling.
Do. do. 1½-in. girt, do.	0	2½	
Do. do. 1-in. girt, do.	0	2	
Do. do. ¾-in. girt, do.	0	1½	
2-inch deal beaded staffs rebated, do.	0	4	Beaded staffs.
¾-in. deal beads and slips, 2 inch wide, do.	0	2	
¾-in. deal beads and fillets, 2 in. wide, do.	0	2	
1¼-in. deal rough fillets, 2 inches wide, do.	0	1½	Deal fillets.
Do. 3 inches wide, do.	0	2	
1¼-in. deal wrought fillets, 3 inches wide, do.	0	2	
Do. 3 inches wide, do.	0	2½	

ON WATER-TRUNKS, ARIS, FILLET, AND BRIDGED, GUTTERS.

Deal water-trunks, how to find the value. Pitched in the inside, included in the value.

How to measure water-trunks.

How to analyze to find the value.

Reference to Table, No. 10.

Nails and pitch, per foot run.

Deals at £39. per hundred. Trunks of all sizes.

DEAL square hollow Water-trunks, for the conveyance of water from roofs down the fronts of buildings, are of various sizes and thickness, consequently the value of them, *per foot* running measure, must entirely depend on those circumstances; they should be pitched in the inside, and are usually finished in that way; of course, whatever tends to increase the expense, must be embodied in the estimate for their worth: to ascertain the quantity of materials in a foot run, the two sides, together with the intermediate pieces which form the trunks, should be embraced in one dimension: For example, suppose a water-trunk, 5 inches square, and the thickness to be one inch, to ascertain the quantity of materials; first, add the two sides together, at 5 inches each, which will be equal to 10 inches, the intermediate pieces, therefore, can only be 3 inches each; making altogether 16 inches in breadth. Now, to discover the value *per foot* run, examine the Table, No. 10, and it will appear that $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ *per foot* run is the value of inch-deal 9 inches wide; and, as 16 approximates very near to 18, double the value, the product will be seven-pence; to which may be added the further sum of seven-pence, for labour, nails, and pitch, making the total value fourteen-pence, which will be the fair value, *per foot* run, for water-trunks of the size described, according to Table, No. 10; that is, when 10-feet 3-inch deals are at £39. per hundred. This example, it is presumed, will be sufficient to shew the principle of arriving at the value of water-trunks of all sizes, as well as their appurtenances, including hopper-heads, &c.

ARIS-GUTTERS.

Aris-gutters, description of them;

manner of fixing.

ARIS-GUTTERS are made in the form of the letter V, and are affixed to dripping-eaved roofs, for the purposes of receiving the water from the tiles, or slates, to be from thence conveyed to the sort of trunks before described; these gutters should also be pitched, on their inside surfaces, and hung upon inclined planes, to convey the water to the hopper-heads. The value of aris-gutters may be found in the same way as that of water-trunks; but, having only two sides, of the sizes of the latter, they will be of only half their value, or thereabouts.

FILLET-GUTTERS.

Fillet-gutters, description of them.

Accumulation of water, speedy conveyance away; how to find the value.

FILLET-GUTTERS are used for the same purpose as the former, but are somewhat different in their shapes, inasmuch as both sides are not alike, the sides nearest the walls being nine inches, and the returns not more than three or four inches wide; they should be also pitched on their inside surfaces, and fixed in the manner before described, in order that the accumulated water, in the respective situations, may be speedily conveyed to its place of destination. The value of fillet-gutters may be ascertained in the same manner as the former; the difference in the expense of which, *per foot* run, will be about one-third.

BRIDGED-GUTTERS.

Bridged-gutters,

BRIDGED-GUTTERS are those which are inclosed by parapet-walls, and are so contrived as to convey the water from the valleys of roofs to the extremities, or

outlets, to be secretly conveyed from thence, in water-trunks or vertical leaden-pipes, down the fronts of buildings. These gutters are formed by pieces of wood laid horizontally at the rafters' feet, which are elevated or depressed, as may be deemed necessary to produce the required declivities, and the pieces of wood, so described, called bridging-pieces, are boarded over with $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, 1-inch, or $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, rough deal, and subsequently covered with lead. The worth is generally ascertained by the foot superficial; that is, for the carpenter's work, consisting of the bridging-pieces and rough boarding; and, as their widths are various, from the circumstances of elevation and depression, the dimensions, when taken, should be averaged, and liberal allowances made for the difficulties of guttering, in which there is unavoidable waste of time and materials.

	s.	d.	
5-inch square water-trunks, pitched, made of 1-inch deal, per foot run	1	2	Water-trunks, per foot run.
6-in. do. do.	1	4	
Do. with an impost neck, do.	1	5	
5-in. water-trunks, pitched, and made of $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. deal, do.	1	4	
6-in. do. do.	1	6	
Do. with impost neck, do.	1	7	
Inch-deal aris-gutters; pitched, 5-in. sides, do.	0	7	Aris-gutters, per foot run.
Do. do. with 6-in. sides, do.	0	8	
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do. with 5-in. sides, do.	0	8	
Do. do. with 6-in. sides, do.	0	9	
1-inch deal fillet-gutters, pitched, 13-in. girt, do.	0	9	Fillet-gutters, per foot run.
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	$10\frac{1}{2}$	
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal bridged-gutters and bearers, do. at per foot super.	1	3	Bridged-gutters, per foot run.
1-in. do. do.	1	0	
$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.	0	10	

In the foregoing prices for water-trunks, aris and fillet gutters, it must be remembered that the prices do not include the value of fixing, which, in many instances, is attended with considerable expense; of course the additional time, and consequent value thereof, should be invariably charged and allowed, as well as all manner of contingent expenses.

ON THE FITTINGS-UP OF STABLING, &c.

SUCH Carpenters' and Joiners' works as are usually required in stables, should be valued in the same *ratio* as those of similar descriptions, with references to the value of the materials, whether oak, fir, ash, elm, beech, or larch. The workmanship to racks and mangers is somewhat different from the ordinary description, but the worth of it may be ascertained upon the same principles as those which have been repeated; in the exercise of which, it is presumed, the inexperienced or juvenile valuator will presently discover his interest.

ON WATER-CLOSETS.

IN the finishings and fittings-up of water-closets, it seldom happens that the works about them do not, in general, correspond with those of similar descriptions.

Customs of charging in the aggregate.

tions, which have been before adverted to, and therefore repetitions of prices, in reference to them, are considered unnecessary. It is the custom, in many parts of the kingdom, for plumbers who furnish the apparatus, to finish, or cause to be finished, every part of these useful conveniencies, and to make their charge in proportion, which, in general, affords satisfaction.

ON ROUGH BOARDING.

Not planed.

Labour and nails.

Feet and inches.

How to find the value.

ROUGH boarding implies such description of deal boards as have not been planed, but which are frequently used about public and private edifices for various purposes, where the only expense incurred in their appropriation arises from the value of the *labour* and *nails*; which, together with the boarding, is generally ascertained by the square, containing one hundred superficial feet; but whether by the square of *one hundred feet*, or by the foot square, containing one hundred and forty-four superficial inches, is quite immaterial, the result will be the same, as the value of one foot must be known before the value of one hundred feet can be determined on; in reference, therefore, to the primitive value, the Table, No. 10, must always be consulted as the standard.

Now, suppose the value of one square of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal boarding is required, how is it to be ascertained? First, look to the Table, and discover the worth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal, per foot superficial; and, by reference, it will prove to be *7d.*, with the profit thereon: then one hundred times *7d.* will be the value of the materials, which is equal to the sum of *2l. 18s. 4d.*; to which must be added the value of the labour and nails, worth about one penny per foot, including profit, equal to *8s. 4d.*, which, being added to the former, will make the entire value *3l. 6s. 8d.* per square, for one hundred superficial feet, or *8d.* per foot superficial.

		£.	s.	d.
Rough board- ing, per square.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal rough boarding, per square.....	3	6	8
	Do. with edges shot, do.....	3	8	11
	Do. ploughed and tongued, do.....	3	13	2
$1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal rough boarding, do.....	2	16	9
	Do. with edges shot, do.....	3	0	3
	Do. ploughed and tongued, do.....	3	5	9
1-inch deal.	1-inch deal rough boarding, do.....	2	5	7
	Do. with edges shot, do.....	2	6	7
	Do. ploughed and tongued, do.....	2	10	1
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. deal rough boarding, do.....	1	17	0
	Do. with edges shot, do.....	1	19	0
	Do. ploughed and tongued, do.....	1	19	6
	$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. deal rough boarding, do.....	1	5	7

ON SOUND-BOARDING.

Effects of sound board-
ing.

THE term for this sort of boarding is derived from the circumstance of rough boards being introduced between the joists of floors, to deaden the sound between the upper and the lower stories; and, to produce the effect required, the boards should be closely fitted between the joists, about the middle of their

depth, and nailed to single or double fillets; and, when complete, covered with saw-dust nearly level with the tops of the joists, so that when the floors are laid, the spaces between the lower and upper rooms will consist of five thicknesses, namely, the plaster-ceiling, including the lathing, the sound-boarding, the saw-dust, and the floor-boarding, and by these means the sounds between floors may be so much deadened, that it will be difficult to hear any noise from above or below.

To ascertain the worth of this sort of boarding, the dimensions of the rooms should be taken in the clear, and the thicknesses of all the joists deducted, but it would be far more satisfactory to measure the boarding before the floors are laid; for, after this operation is complete, the thicknesses of the joists must be guessed at, unless one or more boards are removed to examine the sizes of the joists. To calculate the worth of the boarding adverted to, the same system should be adopted as in the last example, taking into consideration the value of the fillets, with the extra costs of labour, nails, and saw-dust.

	£.	s.	d.	
Rough 1-inch deal sound-boarding, with double fillets, per square....	2	8	7	Sound board-
Do. $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do.	1	18	7	ing, per square
Do. $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.	1	7	4	

ON WEATHER-BOARDING.

WEATHER-boarding, when applied to the covering of dwellings or other buildings, can be considered only as a temporary sheathing to keep out the inclemencies of the weather.

The value of weather-boarding may be ascertained by the foot superficial, or the square of one hundred feet, upon the same principles as other sorts of boarding, observing, at the time the dimensions are taken, to deduct all manner of openings, and to make the customary allowances for laps; which, being completed, the fillets round all the doors and windows should be taken, as well as those at the external angles, the prices of which being first computed by the foot superficial, will subsequently determine the worth per square; but where the quantities are in fragments, it is usual to value them by the foot superficial, as in the four following items:

	£.	s.	d.	
Rough $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch feather-edged deal, in hips and volleys, of different lengths.....	0	0	5	Weather-boarding, per foot super.
Do. with battens in do.....	0	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. on quartering to dormer-windows	0	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Do. moulded, and rebated with bearers under	0	0	11	
Rough $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal feather-edged weather-boarding on the outsides of buildings, per square.....	1	15	8	Weather boardings, per square.
Do. planed do. do.....	1	19	2	
Do. with champhered edges, do.....	2	0	0	
Do. beaded do. do.....	2	2	0	
Rough $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal batten weather-boarding on the outsides of buildings, do.	1	17	8	Battens.
Do. planed do. do.....	2	1	2	

		£.	s.	d.
Battens.	Rough $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal batten weather-boarding on the outsides of buildings, with champhered edges	2	2	0
	Do. beaded do.	2	4	0
	1-inch deal rebated weather-boarding, planed	2	11	7

Observe.—The feather-edge boarding is calculated at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ per foot, including profit, which is only one farthing less than in the Table.

ON SLATE BOARDINGS.

On the qualities of slate boardings, and to prevent the dry rot.

SLATE Boardings are those descriptions of works, which are seldom or never measured until the carcasses of buildings are completely covered in; consequently valuers, unless they have previously surveyed the works, cannot know any thing about the qualities of the boards; which, although not exposed to the weather, should be of the best yellow deal, free from sap: and these observations are made to prevent the ruinous effects which frequently occur in public as well as private buildings, where due care is not observed in the selection of dry sound materials, upon which the slates are to be laid: if the boards are not of the description mentioned, we may fairly anticipate that in a short time they will produce that species of *fungus*, which is known to produce what is called the *dry-rot*, germinated in the first instance by dampness, and, secondly, promoted by the want of ventilation.

How to value them.

The value of this sort of boarding is ascertained in the same way as common rough works of similar denominations; that is, by the foot superficial or the square of 100 feet, having references to the several thicknesses which govern the value, including labour and nails.

		£.	s.	d.
Slate boardings, per square.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch yellow deal rough boarding for slates, per square.....	1	17	3
	1-in. deal do. do.....	2	5	7
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. deal do. do.....	2	16	0

ON COMMON DEAL OR OAK PARK PALINGS.

Palings measured by the rod.

THE value of oak palings is ascertained by the English rod of $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet, running measure, including posts and rails, which, according to their numbers and thickness, serve to constitute the value, but which will chiefly depend upon the lengths of the pales, prepared in 5 and 6 feet. The worth of this sort of work differs more or less in value, according to situations, than any other which can be mentioned, arising from the variation of the value of oak timber, which may be different in every county or province throughout the kingdom. The average price, however, may be taken at £2. 10s. and £3. per rod; and deal palings in proportion to the average value of deals and fir timber, which may be easily computed.

ON BATTENINGS.

On the various sorts of battenings.

DEAL Battenings or Studdings, as they are called in many parts of the kingdom, are of various descriptions. The battenings alluded to are chiefly strips of deal, of different thicknesses and widths, not more than 2 in., $2\frac{1}{2}$ in., or 3 in. wide, and 1 in., $1\frac{1}{4}$ in., or $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick. This sort of work is introduced in public and private buildings, for the purposes of producing artificial masks or

faces to the fronts of rough or damp walls, preparatory to their being lathed and plastered, or canvassed and papered. Battenings consist of vertical and horizontal pieces of wood of the relative sizes, previously described, fixed, nailed, or framed, against the walls, at the distances of two or three feet, care being taken that their surfaces are perfectly level, so that, when plastered, canvassed, or papered, their superficial contents shall be uniform throughout. And it is sometimes necessary to introduce quarterings or small scantlings of timber for the purposes mentioned, in which, and in all similar cases, minute calculations should be made, to ascertain the quantities of materials used in superficial squares, feet, or yards, as in the several instances may occur, to the end that exact prices for the different descriptions of battenings may be gained, which will be found to vary in proportion, according to circumstances, and to the quantities of materials which may have been consumed. From what has been described, it must be obvious that satisfactory prices for battenings cannot be conscientiously introduced. In order, however, to give as much information as possible the following items are subjoined.

On the uniformity of battenings, and their difference in value.

Minute calculations.

	£.	s.	d.	
1½-inch deal battenings, per square.....	0	16	0	Average price of battenings per square.
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	14	0	
1-in. do. do.....	0	12	0	
¾-in. do. do.....	0	10	0	
Quarter battenings, 4 in. by 2½ in., do.....	1	3	0	
Do. do., 3 in. by 2 in., do.....	1	0	0	

ON CENTERINGS.

CENTERINGS for bridges and arches, of large dimensions, consist of gross pieces of the best Dantzic timber, which are framed, halved, dove-tailed, and bolted together, where required, and comprise several distinct ribs, each of which are divided into three, five, or more, component parts, in order that the center pieces may form what are called the keys to the ribs, which being completed, the entire of them are covered over with two-inch or three-inch planks, in order that the masons or bricklayers may proceed with their work, previous care being taken in the construction of the centerings, that the same may be lowered by degrees when the arches are turned: the value for such centerings is equal to about one-third more than for fir framed in roofs, with king and queen posts, besides the extra labour of fixing the ribs in their respective situations, and also of removing them when the arches are turned; and as the materials in these operations are valuable after the works are complete, they should be re-valued at about one-third of their original prime cost.

On the construction of centerings for bridges, and the value of them.

The centers to apertures, vaults, &c., are of various descriptions, and consequently will differ in their value. Those which are used for the purposes of enabling bricklayers to turn common arches over coal, wine, and beer, vaults, &c. are generally put together in the most simple manner; but, at the same time, it is to be observed, that the materials consumed in them are valuable, and that the time occupied in making them must be taken fairly into considera-

On the various kinds of centers.

The prices of centerings regulated by Tables, Nos. 7 and 10.

The method of the Irish artisans recommended.

tion. It is, however, but candid to state, that the description of centers last mentioned, in general, do not merit the prices usually allowed; inasmuch as the materials converted to these purposes are, for the most part, of inferior qualities, and seldom fit for better uses; thirty-five shillings may, therefore, be considered a liberal price per square, and double the amount for complicated groined centers; that is, when the value of deals is regulated by the Table, No. 10; and fir timber is at four shillings per foot cube, as per Table, No. 7.

The common masons and bricklayers in IRELAND, who are remarkable for their adroitness and ingenuity, contrive to turn all their arches without incurring the expenses before-mentioned, which is performed by making artificial centers, consisting of dry walls, formed of bricks or stones, which fully answer the intended uses; and it has been matter of surprise, that the able artisans of our own country have not condescended to follow the example.

		£.	s.	d.
Centerings, at per square.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal centers to circular vaults, including all the requisite materials, at per square.....	1	15	0
	Do. groined centers, do.....	3	10	0
1-inch deal.	1-inch deal centers to circular vaults, including all the requisite materials, at per square.....	2	2	0
	Do. groined centers, do.....	4	4	0
$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal centers to chimney trimmers, &c., at per foot superficial..	0	0	6
	Do. to rough arches, per foot run	0	0	5
	Do. to gauged arches, do.....	0	0	8
	Do. to cambered heads, do.....	0	0	10
Circular arch.	Do. to semi-circular arches, and to elliptical heads.	0	1	4

An account to be kept of time and materials.

Where centers are complicated, as in parabolical works, or in groinings of peculiar descriptions, exact accounts of the workmen's time and materials should be kept; for it must be remembered, in all such cases, that large portions of materials are unavoidably wasted, as well as time, which can be fairly estimated only by day-work and the materials consumed, with suitable profits thereon.

ON LABOUR AND NAILS FOR ROOFING.

Roofing to be charged at per foot cube, including every expense;

WHERE the value of the timbers converted into roofs are charged at per foot cube, as *fir*, without any labour, the workmanship, including the nails, must be estimated separately; but we cannot discover any reason why the value of the latter should not be always incorporated with the value of the timber, at per foot cube, except as between the masters and their journeymen; but when the mode suggested is not the custom of the place where the work is done, the worth must be ascertained accordingly, by references to the presumed portions of time and the value of the nails; which, being proportioned in equitable scales, the goodness and difficulty of the workmanship may be fairly accounted for, at per square of 100 feet superficial measure, to be obtained by taking the lengths, and girting over the inclined surfaces for the widths.

if otherwise, at per square of 100 feet super.

	£.	s.	d.	
Common spanned roofs, three stories high.....	0	8	8	Roofs per square, for labour and nails.
Do. two stories.....	0	7	0	
Do. one story.....	0	6	0	
Common Leantoo roofs, three stories high.....	0	7	0	
Do. two stories.....	0	6	0	
Do. one story.....	0	5	0	
Common kirb roofs.....	0	10	0	
Spanned roofs, with principal rafters, tie and collar beams, including purlins.....	0	15	0	Spanned roofs.
Spanned roofs, with principal rafters, tie-beams, king-posts, struts, purlins, common rafters, &c.....	1	2	0	Tie-beams, king-posts, &c.
Spanned roofs, with principal rafters, tie-beams, hammer-beams, queen-posts, struts, purlins, common rafters, &c.....	1	5	0	Rafters, &c.

The above prices include hips, valley-pieces, ridges, &c. Fixing iron-work should be charged by the day; but where the time has not been regularly kept, valuers must exercise their discretion in making such allowances as, according to their judgement, will be equivalent to the men's wages, with reasonable profits thereon.

LABOUR AND NAILS TO NAKED FRAMED FLOORS, &c.

NAKED Framed Floors consist of timber scantlings, cut into divers cubical forms, frequently comprising trussed girders and trimmers, with bridging, common, and ceiling, joists, firmly united by means of mortises and tenons, &c., formed and cut out for the purposes required; which, being complete, the ceilings are attached thereto, and the boarded floors nailed to the upper surfaces; and by these and similar descriptions of floors, the altitudinal spaces, from the ground-floors up to the roofs, in buildings of every description, are divided into stories or floors for dwelling-houses, as well as for the varied uses of commerce, &c.

Treble-fir Framed Naked Floors are of the last description, and are generally introduced into superior buildings, over the spaces of the best apartments, to prevent the ceilings and cornices cracking. And the value of such floors should be ascertained by the cubical contents of the several timbers, and charged as fir framed, including *labour* and *nails*; but where the value of the latter is not condensed in the prices per foot cube, the timbers should then be charged as fir *without any labour*, and the labour and nails at per square of one hundred superficial feet, which will be worth from 18s. to 25s. more or less, in proportion to the sizes of the rooms, or the scantlings of the timbers.

Double-fir Framed Naked Floors are not so expensive as the former, inasmuch as the quantities of materials consumed in them are somewhat less; but the value per foot cube in framing the timbers will be the same; and if charged as fir framed, with the *labour* and *nails* incorporated, the prices in both cases will be equal: but, if the latter sort of floors are charged separately at per square, the prices will then be less, as regards the value of the labour and nails; and because the worth thereof is so much less in proportion to the quantities of the

Single framed floors.	materials consumed. And the foregoing reasons will likewise apply to single framed floors in degrees of similitude with the former; so that the value of the labour and nails, with the intrinsic value of the materials, and the reasonable profits thereon, will be in all cases proportionately the same, if such works are considerably and equitably ascertained and valued.
Description of double framed floors.	Double Framed Naked Floors consist of trussed girders and transversed stout joists mortised into them, and of the same depths; to which are attached the laths and plastered ceilings, and on the upper surfaces thereof the boarded floors, which, altogether, constitute the thicknesses between the upper and lower rooms.
Single framed floors; how to secure them.	Single Framed Naked Floors consist only of strong joists and trimmers of suitable thicknesses, proportioned to their respective bearings, and are framed into the trimmers necessarily introduced round the hearths of fire-places, and the apertures left for stair-cases, &c.; and where the ends of the joists do not intersect with the trimmers, the former are notched down upon the tops of the wall-plates and partitions, and are caulked or nailed to the latter in the most secure manner; and, when complete, the ceilings and floors are attached to the lower and upper surfaces, as in the instances before described.
Ground-floors, staircases, &c.	Ground or Basement Naked Floors are similar to the above, except as regards the framing to trimmers and staircases, which is not required. The joists are notched upon the wall-plates and sleepers; and, when complete, are boarded in the usual way, with suitable boarding of 1-inch or 1½-inch deals, or as may be required.
Ceiling-floors, transverse timbers, &c.	The worth of the timbers in the two last mentioned floors, in cubic feet, are not equal in value to the fir framed floors, as in the preceding, inasmuch as the value of the labour and nails is dissimilar, arising out of the works being less complicated; but where the works are well executed, and the timbers are suitably braced, nearly the same prices may be justly sanctioned, and especially where the scantlings of the timbers are small.
Value to be ascertained by cubic feet.	Fir Framed Naked Ceiling Floors are constructed to entirely cover the bodies of churches and chapels, as well as other lofty apartments, which have not any rooms over them; and they are also introduced to finish the soffits of garrets or the attic stories of dwelling-houses and other buildings. And when framed over the spaces first adverted to, they consist of strong transverse pieces of timber mortised into the tie-beams of roofs, the former of which are called binding-joists; and to the latter the ceiling-joists are framed, consisting of cubical pieces of timber of moderate dimensions; to which are attached the laths, and ultimately the finished plastered ceiling. The Naked Ceiling Floors, also, in the uppermost rooms of dwelling-houses, as well as every other description of buildings, are framed in the same manner, the scantlings of the joists consisting of numerous pieces of timber of small dimensions, the value of which should be ascertained in cubic feet, and charged as fir framed; but, if the prices be required for labour and nails only, they may be obtained, per squares of 100 superficial feet, by ascertaining the averaged portions of time it will take workmen of moderate abilities to perform given quantities; to the value of which should be added the value of the nails, with twenty per cent. profit upon the two items. And to elucidate the equitable prices, per square, for labour and nails, upon roofs floors, and partitions, of every description, the same pains should be

taken, and the ulterior products, when discovered, will present the information required. It is only by these and similar means that consistent prices, as the value of labour, can be ascertained. The full value, however, will ultimately depend upon the degree of goodness to which the works performed can be referred; and, under such circumstances, it is presumed to be indispensably necessary that valuers should be scientific men, not only fully qualified to estimate, but to discriminate between, the various degrees of works submitted to their valuation, in proportion to the skill manifested in the workmanship.

	£.	s.	d.	
Labour and nails to <i>treble</i> framed floors, consisting of trussed girders <i>framed</i> , ceiling-joists <i>framed</i> , and binding-joists <i>framed</i> , with bridging-joists transversed.....	1	6	0	Labour and nails to floors, &c. for labour and nails.
Labour and nails to <i>double</i> framed floors, consisting of trussed girders <i>framed</i> , with joists in succession <i>framed</i> to the girders.....	1	2	0	Double framed floors.
Labour and nails to <i>single</i> framed floors, consisting of joists <i>framed</i> into chimney trimmers, as well as the apertures of staircases	0	10	0	Single framed.
Labour and nails to <i>single</i> framed floors on the ground, laid upon sleepers, and framed to chimney trimmers	0	8	0	Single on the ground.
Labour and nails to ceiling-floors in garrets, attics, and small rooms..	0	9	0	Ceiling floors in attics; of churches, halls, &c.
<i>The value of the labour and nails to ceiling-floors, in churches, chapels, and large rooms, must be ascertained in the manner hereinbefore described, the prices for which will be proportionate to the difficulty.</i>				
Labour and nails to floors, with girders not trussed but sawn down the center, and the grain of the wood reversed and bolted together, including binding, ceiling, and bridging joists	1	4	0	Girders, sawn down, &c.
Do. do. with joists only, framed into girders.....	1	0	0	

Trussed girders should be estimated in cubic feet, as fir framed; and the oak trusses, including the king's, queen's, wedges, and iron bolts, charged as extras; the value of which will very much depend upon their sizes, and the ascertained weight of the iron. The worth of the groovings may be included in the prices of the framed works; or the entire value of the girders may be computed separately in cubic feet, which may be easily accomplished, by dissecting the various parts and adopting the same principles to arrive at their value, which has been previously illustrated by references to other works.

ON BOARDED FLOORS TO ROOMS, &c.

Boarded floors are of different qualities and descriptions, and pains should be taken accordingly, in order to gain their exact value. In the construction of dwelling-houses, as well as of other buildings, these articles form prominent features; in the estimate it is, therefore, necessary that the qualities of the boards, as well as the manner of finishing the floors, should be perfectly understood, as upon these points will depend their ulterior value.

Common white deal boards are those generally converted to the purposes mentioned, and are highly appreciated by speculators in the building profession,

	inasmuch as the prices usually charged for them are reasonable ; and, for ordinary purposes, in common houses, it must be admitted, they afford, in general, satisfaction. Under such circumstances it would be fastidious to reject them ; but where good and unexceptionable floors are required, it will be necessary to select materials of superior qualities.
Best sort of floors.	
Dowelled floors.	Dry, well-seasoned, clean, yellow, deal battens, not more than 4 inches or $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, are the best sort of boards which can be introduced for close floorings, and for the following reasons, the boards are less liable to shrink than
Shrinking of boards.	when they are wider ; and, as often as batten floors are introduced, consisting of deals of the above description, they should be prepared, and the floors laid in the best manner, by being dowelled, and the heading joints ploughed and tongued. When floors are executed in the way last described, the edges of
Dowelled floors, their description ; how performed.	the boards are nailed to the upper surfaces of the joists, and the boards united by means of oak or iron pins or dowels, introduced at short intervals into the edges of the boards.
Manner of laying dowelled floors.	In proceeding to lay dowelled floors, the work is commenced against the walls or partitions, by nailing single boards next to them, but to the upper surfaces of the joists, so that when the skirtings are fixed, the nails so driven cannot be seen ; and the boards next in succession are united, as before described, with
Dowels, iron or oak.	oak or iron pins or dowels ; projecting rows of which are fixed in the sides of the boards laid, and correspondent holes made to receive them in the next intended boards to be united, which being done, and drove home, the operations are successively repeated until the floors are finished, in the progress of which
Heading-joints.	care should be taken to break the heading-joints ; that is, by avoiding two heading-joints coming together, which is considered as a great imperfection in good floors, which, on being completed, should present smooth and even surfaces of clean deal, without any knots or nails being discoverable. The value of these floors should be ascertained by references to the prime costs of the deals and labour ; but, if executed with common deals, the prices of them will be found under the respective heads and thicknesses of deals.
Ploughed and tongued floors.	Ploughed and tongued floors are, likewise, considered to be of the superior class of boarded floors, and therefore the materials used in the execution of them should be correspondent. These floors are also laid in the best sort of apartments, as well as in other places, which, according to circumstances, are suited to the intended purposes, and, in such cases, are executed accordingly ; they should never be less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, and the groovings to receive the tongues should be nearest the lower edges of the boards, to prevent the upper edges from curling, which they are apt to do when the boards are not of sufficient thicknesses, and where the latter precaution is not
Deals $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick.	observed. The heading-joints should all be broken, and treated in the same manner as before described, and the value of the floors ascertained by the corresponding rules ; that is, by references to the Tables, and the prime cost of
Joints should all be broken.	labour, with the usual profits thereon. If executed with common deals, the ascertained value will be found under the several heads adverted to.
Value how ascertained.	
Straight-joints and folding-boards.	These descriptions of boarded floors, are those which are most in use, and therefore deserving the highest consideration. Straight joint-floors, if well executed with dry well-seasoned boards, may be considered fit and suitable for

the best sort of rooms and passages in common houses, and folding boarded floors for the inferior apartments; the latter of which are described as folding, from the manner in which they are folded and laid down in their proper berths, at the times the works are executed: they may be easily recognized by their having three or more heading-joints altogether. The heading-joints to straight joint-floors are all broken, and the appearances of the floors altogether are superior to the former; and, in consequence of the difference in the modes of executing the works, the value of the labour will vary; but this, with the value of the materials, may be separately and correctly ascertained, as in the instances before described, by calculating the quantities and value of the boards consumed in squares of one hundred feet, superficial measure; the value of which, as per Table, No. 10, together with the value of the labour, nails, and profits thereon, will be the honest worth; the prices are shewn under their relative heads, in the succeeding pages.

Warehouse-floors are boarded floors, which are particularly applicable to special purposes: they require to be stout, and should be laid in the following manner, so as to prevent the possibility of dust or dirt making its way through the crevices between the boards in the event of their shrinking; to remove such apprehensions, however, the boards should be, on all occasions, well seasoned; but, under any circumstances, if the edges of the rough boards are planed and laid in the usual manner, upon $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch or $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal fillets, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, it will be possible that any dust or dirt can penetrate, as the broad fillets, let in flush with the upper surfaces of the joists, and extending the entire lengths of the boards, will cover the lower joints, and by these means produce the effect required, without incurring the expenses of ploughed and tongued floors, which, for reasons antecedently assigned, are inferior and more expensive than warehouse-floors: the differences in the cost may be ascertained by calculating the expenses of the grooves and tongues, compared with the rough deal fillets.

Quantities of Boards requisite for Squares, containing 100 Feet Super.

To ascertain the number of deal boards, at any gauge, which may be required to cover squares of naked floorings, &c., divide the number of running inches, contained in the superficial measure of a board, by 1200, the number of running inches in a square.

Example.—How many 10-foot boards, 9 inches wide, will cover a square?

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{ft.} \quad \text{in.} \\ 10 \quad 0 \\ 9 \\ \hline 7 \quad 6 \quad 0 \end{array} = \text{to 90 running inches.}$$

90) 1200 (13 boards, and 2 feet 6 inches over. *Ans.*

90

300

270

30 = to one-third of a board.

Three-heading joints together.

Difference in value will vary, in quantities and labour, per square, Table, No. 10.

Warehouse-floors, how laid, to prevent dust injuring goods, &c.

Fillets to cover joints under. Flush with top surfaces of joists, less expense than ploughed and tongued.

Differences in value, how to be ascertained.

Common deals. Rule to ascertain the number.

Example to prove the rule.

Another example.

Or, Divide the number of superficial inches contained in the 10-foot board, 9 inches wide, by the number of superficial inches contained in a square.

Example.

	<i>ft.</i>	<i>in.</i>
The work	10	0
		9
	<hr/>	
	7	6 0
	<hr/>	
	144	
	<hr/>	
	1008	
		72
	<hr/>	

1080 = to the number of superficial inches in a board.

	<i>inches.</i>
illustrated.	144
	100
	<hr/>
	1080) 14400 (13 boards and one-third of a board. <i>Ans.</i>
	1080
	<hr/>
	3600
	3240
	<hr/>
	360 = to a third.
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Confirmed proof.

Observe, 14,400 is the number of superficial inches contained in a square, and 1200 inches running measure, the latter of which, multiplied by the same number, will produce 14,400, which is a proof of the two Rules being correct, as may be seen by the above operation.

		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal flooring.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deal rough flooring, edges shot, at per square, 2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	6
	Do. planed and laid folding, at per square, 2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	7
	Inch deal floors, rough edges shot, at per square, 2 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	7
Inch-deal floors.	Do. planed and laid folding, at per square, 3 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	8
	Do. straight joint do. at per square, 3 <i>l.</i> 9 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> ; or, at per foot super..	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. straight joint and tongued headings, at per square, 3 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	9

Inch-and-Quarter Deal Floors.

$1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deal floors, rough edges shot, at per square, 3 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	8
	Do. planed and laid folding, at per square, 3 <i>l.</i> 9 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> ; or, at per foot super.....	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$

	s.	d.
1½-inch deal floors, straight joint, splayed headings, at per square.		
3l. 15s.; or, at per foot super	0	9
Do. tongued headings, edges nailed, at per square, 3l. 19s. 2d.; or, at per foot super	0	9½

Batten Floors.

		Batten floors.
Inch-deal batten floors laid folding, at per square, 3l. 2s. 6d.; or, at per foot super	0	7½
Do. straight joint, with splayed headings, at per square, 3l. 9s. 2d.; or, at per foot super	0	8½
Do. tongued headings and edges nailed, at per square, 3l. 19s. 2d.; or, at per foot super	0	9½
1¼-inch deal straight-joint batten-floors, with splayed headings, at per square, 4l. 1s. 3d.; or, at per foot super	0	9¼
Do. tongued headings and edges nailed, at per square, 4l. 3s. 4d.; or, at per foot super	0	10
Do. dowelled, at per square, 4l. 11s. 8d.; or, at per foot super	0	11
1½-inch yellow deal rough floors, edges shot, at per square, 3l. 15s.; or, at per foot super	0	9
Do. wrought and laid folding, at per square, 4l. 15s. 10d.; or, at per foot super	0	11½
Do. straight joint, splayed headings, at per square, 5l. 6s. 3d.; or, at per foot super	1	0¾
Do. tongued headings, edges nailed, at per square, 5l. 10s. 5d.; or, at per foot super	1	1¼
Do. ploughed and tongued floors, at per square, 6l. 0s. 10d.; or, at per foot super	1	2½
1½-inch deal rough warehouse-floors, edges shot, at per square, 4l. 1s. 3d.; or, at per foot super	0	9¼

Common deal floors.

ON NAKED FRAMED PARTITIONS.

FIR framed quarter-partitions are frequently required to be constructed upon scientific principles, consequently, their value for the labour and nails, per square, should be proportioned to the ratio of time those works will require to complete them; but, when partitions consist only of top and bottom plates, with diagonal stays, and perpendicular scantlings of small sizes, the prices for the labour and nails should be regulated accordingly, but always with reference to the ascertained value of the workmen's time, united to the value of the nails; which, being incorporated with the worth of the timber, should be charged, at per foot cube, as fir framed, including profit, labour, nails, and materials; and this system is recommended not only as being the most satisfactory, but the most correct way of coming at the honest value of fir-framed quarter-partitions; but, if the former method be adopted, that is, to charge the partitions per square, for labour and nails only, then the timbers should be charged at per foot cube, as *fir without any labour*, according to the several calculations hereunto referred, or by any other computation which may be more suitable, in reference to the original cost of the materials.

Superior framing, how to be valued.

Common partitions. Labour and nails, ascertainment of value, included in timber, with profit, &c.

		s.	d.
Labour and nails, per square, to framed partitions.	Six-inch framed, trussed, king post partitions, with double struts, including top and bottom plates, and the perpendicular quarters, &c. at per square	14	0
	Do. with single struts, do.	12	0
	Do. with common braces, do.	10	0
	Five-inch partitions framed, do.	9	0
	Four-inch do. do.	7	6

LAND-CARRIAGE AND FREIGHTAGE.

Charges for land-carriage, &c. In the prosecution of public as well as of private works, the unavoidable expenses of land-carriage and freighting frequently amount to one-fourth, one-fifth, or one-sixth, of the prime cost of the materials. To ascertain the expenses thereof, after the works are measured, the cubic contents of the timber and deals, as well as other materials, should be incorporated, in order that the accumulated weights may be condensed, and charged at per ton, according to the rates of freighting, or land-carriage, to the places where the materials may have been conveyed; and, in order to form estimates of such expenses, it will be requisite to be in possession of the relative weights of timber, &c., in order to make the necessary calculations, which may be easily accomplished by allowing one-eighth, or one-tenth, of the cubical contents of timber and deals for waste; if this system be not adopted, the full amount paid for freighting and land-carriage should be allowed, with reasonable profits thereon, upon the attested vouchers being produced.

Memoranda relative to Weights of Timber, &c.

Fir timber.	65 cubic feet of fir timber is nearly equal to the weight of one ton.
Oak and Elm.	39 cubic feet of oak timber, ditto.
	60 cubic feet of elm, ditto.
Ash, Beech,	45 cubic feet of ash, ditto.
	51 cubic feet of beech, ditto.
Mahogany,	34 cubic feet of mahogany, ditto.
and Maple.	48 cubic feet of maple, ditto.
Weight of 120 ten-feet deals.	120 ten-feet three-inch deals, 9 inches wide, are equal to $4\frac{1}{2}$ loads of timber, or 225 cubic feet, the weight of which is equal to $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons.
Do. of 12-feet do.	120 twelve-feet two-and-a-half-inch deals, 9 inches wide, are also equal to $4\frac{1}{2}$ loads of timber, and are similar in weight to the former.

The following notes are subjoined, under the impression that they will be found useful to those who are employed to analyze artificers' works.

Superficial and cubic inches.	144 square superficial inches are equal to one square superficial foot; that is, a foot 12 inches long and 12 inches broad.
	1728 square cubic inches are equal to one square foot cube; that is, a cube 12 inches long, 12 inches deep, and 12 inches broad.

- 12 inches lineal or running measure, are equal to one foot in length; each of the Lineal measures is either divided into quarters, and again sub-divided into eighths, or divided into tenths.
- 1 inch is equal to the twelfth part of a foot, the standard for which measure Fractional parts of feet has been regulated by the united lengths of three barley-corns.
- 3 feet lineal are equal to 1 yard in length, and 1 yard in length is equal Yard run to 3 feet.
- 3 feet superficial are equal to 432 superficial inches; but 3 feet in length and Yard super. 3 feet in breadth are equal to 9 superficial feet, and contain 1296 superficial inches, which are equal to 1 superficial square yard.
- 3 feet cube are equal to 5184 cubic inches; but 3 feet in length, depth, and Yard cube thickness, are equal to 46,656 cubic inches, which are the contents of a cubic yard, containing 27 cubic feet.
- 6 feet are equal to 1 fathom, a nautical measure, generally used by mariners. Fathom.

In taking the dimensions for lineal measures the lengths only are presumed to be taken; but it would be impossible to arrive at the intrinsic value, if the breadths and thicknesses also were not taken notice of. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary, in taking lineal dimensions, to refer to the breadths, as well as the thicknesses, if the articles measured possess substance sufficient to be identified by the measures described, which cannot fail to be the case as regards the breadths and the thicknesses also, unless the articles appertain to painting, white-washing, &c., where the thicknesses are comparatively ideal; but as regards lineal measures, which can be defined by references to substances, not only their lengths, but their breadths and thicknesses, must be specified, before the value can be properly ascertained by the foot running, or lineal measure.

- 16½ feet running measure is an English rod. English rod.
- 21 feet running measure is an Irish rod; consequently, the miles in length, and Irish rod. the acres in superficial contents, will vary in the same ratio.
- 16½ feet multiplied by 16½ feet will produce 272 feet 3 inches, which are the Superficial superficial contents of an English rod; 40 poles run is a furlong, and English rod, &c. 8 furlongs a mile; 40 rods, or perches superficial, is a rood, 4 roods is an acre, and 640 acres is a square mile.
- 21 feet multiplied by 21 feet will produce 441 feet, which are the superficial Irish contents of an Irish rod, old standard.
- 50 cubic feet of fir is considered a load of timber in England, and is estimated English load of timber. by that quantity.
- 40 cubic feet of fir is considered a load of fir timber in Ireland, and it is bought Irish do. and sold at that standard, as at per ton, although 65 feet weighs a ton: the custom is a local one, and therefore mentioned.
- 39 or 40 cubic feet of oak is considered a ton, or a load, in England, and the Oak. same in Ireland.
- 120 deals are considered by merchants and traders to be 100, and are sold after Longhundred. that rate. Of course, in estimating the value of Joiners' works, the deals must be calculated, with reference to the prime cost, at six score to the hundred.

Nails and screws.	120 nails, or screws, &c., are also considered as 100: they are purchased by the long hundred, and retailed at the short: as, for example, 1200 nails, or screws, &c. are purchased as at 1000, and are retailed at the latter number
Superficial square.	100 superficial feet are considered equal to what is called a square of building, flooring, roofing, battening, tiling, slating, &c.; and therefore 100 is used as the proper divisor to find the contents.
English acre.	43,560 superficial square feet, or 4,840 superficial square yards, are equal to an English acre, or to 160 square poles.
Irish acre.	70,560 superficial square feet, or 7,840 superficial square yards, are equal to an Irish acre, or to 160 square poles, old standard.
English and geographic mile.	1760 yards lineal or running measure, or 5,280 feet, are equal to one English mile in length, comprising 320 poles or 8 furlongs; 2028 yards (in the centre of England) are equal to a geographic or nautic mile; 3 such miles make a league, and 60 make one degree, old standard.
Irish mile.	2,240 yards lineal or running measure, or 6,720 feet, are equal to an Irish mile in length, comprising 320 poles or 8 furlongs.
Cube inches in the standard gallon.	282 cubic inches are equal to one gallon of water or beer. To find the contents, therefore, of vessels known to contain given quantities, multiply the number of gallons by 282, and the product will be the number of cubic inches contained in such vessels. For example, suppose a butt to contain 108 gallons, how many cubic inches of water or beer will such vessel contain?

Square inches
in a butt of
108 gallons.

282 inches in a gallon.

108 gallons in a butt.

2256

282

30456 cubic inches.—*Ans.*

Contents of a butt of water. A butt of water or beer is equal to nearly 18 cubic feet: hence, it appears that six gallons are nearly equal to a cubic foot; which information, it is presumed, will be found useful, in ascertaining the average sizes for cisterns sufficient for common purposes, as well as for making other calculations.

Abstract of an Act of Parliament passed in March, 1825.

Memoranda of a series of clauses extracted from the Act of Parliament, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His present Majesty George the *Fourth*, for ascertaining and establishing uniformity in Weights and Measures throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: the operative powers of which are essential to be known by all persons who are in the habit of ascertaining quantities, and of measuring and valuing artificers' or any other description of works, either in England, Ireland, or Scotland.

On the uniformity of weights and measures.

It being found necessary, for the security of commerce and the good of the community, that weights and measures should be just and uniform: and that there should be but *one* measure and *one* weight throughout Great Britain and Ireland:

and that, in consequence of the true measure of the present standard not being exactly known, great confusion and gross fraud have prevailed; hence, to remedy and prevent such evils for the future, and to the end that fixed standards of weights and measures should be established, and universally known in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, it has been enacted, that, from and after the first day of January, 1826, the straight line or distance between the centers of the two points in the gold studs in the straight brass rod now in the custody of the clerk of the House of Commons, shall be, and the same is declared by the act to be, the original and genuine standard of that measure, as regards length or lineal extension, called a *yard*, and that the same straight line or distance between the centers of the said two points or said gold studs in the said brass rod, shall be, and is declared to be, the unit or only standard measure of extension whereby all other measures of extension whatever, whether the same be lineal, superficial, or solid, shall be derived, computed, and ascertained; and that all measures of length shall be taken in parts or multiples, or certain proportions of the said standard yard; and that one-third part of said standard shall be what is called a *foot* in length, and the twelfth part of such foot shall be what is called an *inch*, equal in length to the united lengths of three barley-corns, and that the rod, pole, or perch, in length, shall contain five such yards and one-half; the furlong, 220 such yards; and the mile, which is eight furlongs, 1760 of such yards.

Standard weights and measures not known.

Act to operate from 1st January, 1826.

Standard yard.

Ditto foot, inch, rod, furlong, and mile.

It is also enacted, that, all superficial measures shall be computed and ascertained by the said standard yard, or by certain parts or multiples, or proportions thereof; and that the rood of land shall contain 1210 square yards, according to the said standard yard; and that the acre of land shall contain 4840 square yards, being 160 square perches, poles, or rods; and that one acre shall comprise 43,560 square superficial feet.

Yards in a rood, and an acre.
Rods in do.

The standard brass weight of one pound troy made in 1758, and now in the custody of the clerk of the House of Commons, shall be the original or standard measure of weight, and the same shall be denominated the *Imperial standard* troy pound, and be the unit or only standard measure of weight, from which all other weights shall be derived, computed, and ascertained; and one twelfth part of said troy pound shall be an ounce, and one twentieth part of such ounce shall be a pennyweight, and one twenty-fourth part of such pennyweight shall be a grain, so that 5760 of such grains shall be a pound troy; and 7000 such grains shall be a pound avoirdupoise; and one sixteenth part of the said pound avoirdupoise shall be an ounce avoirdupoise; and one sixteenth part of such ounce shall be a drachm, or fractional part, of said pound.

Brass weights in the House of Commons.

Imperial standard of the troy pound.

Pennyweights.
Grains.

Avoirdupoise pound, ounce, and drachm.

And the act also recites, that, from and after the *first* day of January, 1826, the standard measure of capacity, as well for liquids as dry goods, not measured by heap measure, shall be the gallon, containing ten pounds, avoirdupoise weight, of distilled water weighed in air, at the temperature of sixty-two degrees of *Fahrenheit's* thermometer, the barometer being at thirty inches, and that such measure shall be forthwith made of brass, of such contents as aforesaid, under the directions of the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom, or any three or more of the Lords of the Treasury, for the time being; and that such brass measure shall be, and is by the act declared to be, the *Imperial standard*-gallon, and shall be declared

Strike or even measure.

Gallon the unit of measure.

Liquid and dry goods.	to be the unit and only standard measure of capacity, from which all other measures of capacity are to be used, as well for wine, beer, ale, spirits, and all sorts of liquids; as also for dry-goods not measured by heap measure: and it is also enacted, that all such measures shall be taken in parts or multiples, or certain proportions, of the said <i>Imperial standard</i> gallon; and that the quart shall be <i>one-fourth</i> of said gallon, the pint <i>one-eighth</i> , and that two of the said gallons shall be a peck, and eight such gallons a bushel, and eight such bushels a quarter of corn, or other dry goods, not measured by heaped measure.
Imperial standard gallon, quarts, pints, pecks, bushels, &c.	
Coals, culm, lime, &c.	The act recites, that, the said standard measure of capacity for coals, culm, lime, fish, potatoes, or fruit, and all other goods and things usually sold by heaped measure, shall be the before-mentioned bushel, containing eighty pounds, avoirdupoise, of water as aforesaid; and that the said measure shall be made perfectly round, with a plain and even bottom, being nineteen inches and a half from outside to outside of such standard measure.
Bushel equal to eighty lbs.	
Heaped measure to rise six inches. Bushels, sacks, and chaldrons.	It is enacted that, in making use of such bushel to measure coals, culm, lime, and other goods or things commonly sold by heaped measure, the same shall be duly heaped up in such bushel measure, in the form of a cone, and such cone shall be of the height of at least six inches, and that the outside of said bushel shall be the extremity of the base of such cone, and that three such bushels shall be a sack, and that twelve such sacks shall be a chaldron.
Magistrates in England, Ireland, Scotland, &c.	And the act also recites, that his Majesty's justices of the peace in every county, riding, or division, in England, Ireland, and Scotland, and also in every city, town, or place, (being a county within itself,) in England or Ireland, and in every city or royal burgh, in Scotland, shall, within six calendar months after the passing of this act, purchase for their respective counties, ridings or divisions, shires or stewartries, cities, towns, or places, or cities or royal burghs, a model, and copy of each of the aforesaid standards of <i>length, weight, and measure</i> , and of each of the parts or multiples thereof; which models and copies when so purchased, shall be compared and verified with the models and copies deposited with the Chamberlain of the Exchequer, at <i>Westminster</i> , and upon payment of the fees at present payable to the said chamberlain, and upon comparison and verification of such weights and measures with the standards thereof: such models and copies, when so compared and verified, shall be placed for custody and inspection with such person or persons, and in such place or places, as the said justices and magistrates, in their respective counties, ridings, divisions, shires, stewartries, cities, towns, or places, or cities or royal burghs, shall appoint, and the same shall be produced by the keeper or keepers thereof, upon reasonable notice, at such time or times, place or places, within each such county, riding or division, shire or stewartry, city, town, or place, or city or royal burgh, as any person or persons shall, by writing under his or their hand or hands require: the person requiring such production paying the reasonable charges for the same; and to the end, that weights and measures may be uniform throughout <i>England, Ireland, and Scotland</i> , the magistrates and justices of the peace are required by the act to see that the same is carried into effect, in order that the principles of equity, as regards weights and measures, may be uniformly established in all parts of <i>His Majesty's dominions</i> to which the act refers; and the act also recites, that models and copies of such standard
Counties, ridings, and divisions, &c.	
Models and copies.	
Chamberlain of Exchequer.	
Models and copies verified.	
Keepers of said models.	
Notice to produce them, in writing.	
Fees to be paid.	
Duties of magistrates.	

weights and measures shall be furnished by said Chamberlain to the Lord Mayor of London, Chief Magistrates of Edinburgh and Dublin, and of such other cities and places, and to such other places and persons in his Majesty's dominions, or elsewhere, as the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury may, from time to time, direct.

SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF BUILDING MATERIALS, IN REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF ONE CUBIC FOOT OF WATER.

	<i>Avoird.</i> <i>lbs. oz.</i>	
One cubic foot of water, occupying a space equal to 1728 cubic inches, is equal in weight to 1000 ounces avoirdupoise; or, to	62	8 Water.
One cubic foot of lead is equal to.....	707	13
One do. of copper to.....	562	8 Metals, &c.
One do. of wrought-iron to	477	13
One do. of cast-iron to.....	464	1
One do. of white-lead to	197	8
One do. of Memel and Dantzic fir-timber to.....	34	6
One do. of elm to	37	18 Timber.
One do. of beech to	43	12
One do. of maple to	47	3
One do. of ash to	50	0
One do. of oak to.....	57	13
One do. of mahogany to	66	7
One do. of Portland stone to	156	4
One do. of flint to.....	160	10 Stone and
One do. of marble to.....	169	1 glass.
One do. of granite to	218	12
One do. of green-glass to	162	8
One do. of sand to.....	95	0
One do. of chalk to	112	1 Sand, clay,
One do. of common earth to.....	124	0 chalk, bricks
One do. of brick do. to.....	125	0 &c.
One do. of clay to.....	135	0

This table will be found of great use in making calculations for the prices of freightage and land-carriage, as well as for ascertaining the specific weights of buildings.

CHAPTER II.

ON SAWYERS' WORKS.

The value of
sawing incor-
porated in
Joinery, &c.

THE sums which are paid by Master-Builders to Sawyers far exceed what can be estimated by those who are not intimately acquainted with the Building Profession; the subject, therefore, is worthy of consideration, as regards the value of Carpenters' and Joiners' Works; inasmuch as the charges of the former are incorporated in the latter.

Prices dif-
ferent in va-
rious parts.

In the various counties of the United Kingdom, the charges for Sawyers' works are widely different. In some places it is the custom to charge *two cuts* for *one* upon pieces of timber, as an equivalent for the time in putting them on the pits and removing them; also *three cuts* for *two*, and *four* for *three*, and for the same reasons; but when four cuts are made in pieces of timber, the charges are not any more: yet, if timbers are cut into planks, extra cuts are charged for works not executed; and these are customs presumed to be, *prima facie*, somewhat inconsistent. Sawyers' works, as well as others, should be accurately measured, and fair prices allowed thereon, but consistent with the average wages of the country; and it is to be regretted that such inconsistencies as have been mentioned do prevail in many parts of the kingdom, as they are calculated, in many cases, to impede the progress of improvement in building.

On the mea-
suring of Saw-
yers' works.

Fir timber.

Deals, at per
dozen.

Flat cuts.

Cross cuts.

Hard woods.

The labour upon sawing fir timbers should be charged by the square of one hundred superficial feet; deals according to their respective lengths, in the same proportions, at per piece, or at per dozen cuts; flat cuts, at per foot running measure; cross cuts, at per inch; and oak, elm, mahogany, wainscot, ash, beech, and every other description of timber, should be measured in the same manner as fir, and valued in proportion to the hardness, and to the consequent difficulties of the Sawyers in their operations.

Average Prices for Sawing.

		s.	d.
Fir.	Fir timber, at per hundred feet, superficial measure.....	4	0
Deals, in	10-foot deals, at per dozen cuts.....	3	0
planks, from	12-foot do.....	3	6
10 to 20 feet.	14-foot do.....	4	0
	16-foot do.....	4	6
	18-foot do.....	5	0
	20-foot do.....	5	6
Under 10 feet.	9-foot do.....	2	6
	6-foot do.....	2	0

	s.	d.	
20-feet battens, per dozen.....	4	6	Battens.
18-feet do.....	4	0	
16-feet do.....	3	6	
14-feet do.....	3	0	
12-feet do.....	2	6	
10-feet do.....	2	0	
14-feet Sweden deals, do.	4	6	Sweden deals
12-feet do. do.	4	0	and planks.
10-feet do. do.	3	6	
20-feet planks, do.....	7	6	
18-feet do. do.....	6	9	
16-feet do. do.....	6	0	
14-feet do. do.....	5	3	
12-feet do. do.	5	0	
10-feet do. do.....	4	0	
8-feet do. do.....	3	3	
6-feet do. do.....	2	6	
Pantile laths, per dozen.....	0	8	Laths, &c.
Oak wedges, per pair	0	5	
Fir ditto, ditto	0	3	
18 and 20 feet deals, per dozen.....	2	0	Flat cuts
14 and 16 feet do. do.....	1	9	
10 and 12 feet do. do.....	1	6	

The value of sawing upon mahogany is worth about three times as much as Difference in value of sawing upon hard wood, in a great measure, depends upon the thicknesses required; if oak, elm, and beech, under one quarter of an inch, one-third or one-fourth may be added to the latter, and rationally in the same degrees under one inch.

To find the value of sawing upon deals, planks, battens, or any other description of boards, first ascertain how many *superficial* feet are contained in one dozen: then say, if 100 superficial feet are worth 4s. how much will the quantities contained in the boards referred to be worth? and the contents being found, the product will serve to regulate the prices, at per dozen. The sawing upon fir timber and deals is work of the same description; and, consequently, their relative prices will be nearly the same, or ought to be so; and if they are not, then the principles adopted to find their value must be not only inconsistent, but at variance with the rules of equity.

In the series of Tables on timber and deals which have been constructed to perpetuate the system of valuing Carpenters' and Joiners' works, the prices allowed for sawing upon loads of timber, are 3*d.* per foot, or 12*s.* 6*d.* for fifty cubic feet, and which prices are presumed to be liberal, as having reference to scantlings of every description; of course, when the scantlings of timbers are large, the profits will be greater than when they are small. The average prices, however, will be found in favour of the building profession, the members of which are constantly subject to losses, for which they cannot be suitably compensated but by the contingent profits, which are casually more or less.

How to find the value of sawing.

Tables of fir timber and deals.

Accounting
for the land-
carriage and
sawing.

Average 3d.
per deal.

Carriage for
one mile.

On the weight
of deals.

Three-pence
per cut for
deals.

Elucidation of
fig. 1 on saw-
ing.

Explanation
of fig. 2.

Illustration of
fig. 3.

Elucidation of
fig. 4.

The same of
fig. 5.

Fig. 6 explain-
ed.

Fig. 7 like-
wise.

Fig. 8 explain-
ed.

Land-carriage
incorporated.

In the Timber and Deal Tables, before referred to, it will be observed, also, that 3d. per deal has been added to the prime cost value of the several thicknesses of deals in the second columns, which must be considered as equivalents, not only for the value of the sawing, but likewise for moderate degrees of cartage. If 3d. per deal was allowed only for sawing it would be too much, as, under those circumstances, the sawing upon $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 2-in., and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. deals would be after the rate of 3d. profit for each cut, as in the last mentioned thicknesses of deals there cannot be any more than one cut in every 3-inch deal. But upon $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and 1-in. deals the extra charges are only after the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per cut; upon $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deals, 1d.; and upon $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. deals, the sum of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and a fraction. But upon investigation, however, it will appear that 3d. only has been incorporated into the average prices of each of the 10-feet 3-inch deals, as allowances for land-carriage to the distances of one mile or one mile and a half, which is after the rate of 6s. 8d. per load, or £1. 10s. for every hundred of ten-feet three-inch deals 9-inch wide, reckoning six score to the hundred, which are equal to the weight of $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and they are charged at the rate of 8s. 7d. per ton in the tables, for cartage.

In the preceding prices ten-feet three-inch deals are charged at 3s. per dozen for sawing, which is after the rate of 3d. for every cut. Now, in order to make it clear that no more is charged for sawing than is consistent, we shall explain the ratios of sawing and land-carriage on each deal, in reference to the thicknesses, by the engraving made for that purpose.

In the first place, we find there is by the annexed engraving, *Fig. 1*, six $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deals in one 3-inch, but only in five cuts, which at 3d. each makes 1s. 3d.; but as the six $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deals are charged at 3d. each, the odd 3d. is for the land-carriage, making out the 1s. 6d.

By the same engraving, *fig. 2*, it also appears there are four $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch deals in each 10-feet 3-inch deal, but only three cuts: 9d. is charged for the three cuts, and the odd 3d. for land-carriage, which makes out 1s.

Fig. 3 also shows that three 1-inch deals may be obtained out of one 10-feet 3-inch deal, but only two cuts, which at 3d. each is 6d., leaving the odd 3d. for the land-carriage to make out the 9d.

Fig. 4 represents a 3-inch deal, as before, out of which two $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch deals can be obtained and one $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deal, but only two cuts, which at 3d. each makes 6d., leaving the odd 3d. to make up the 9d.

Fig. 5 shows, also, a 3-inch deal, as before, and the means of obtaining two $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch deals, but only one cut, which at 3d. and 3d. for land-carriage, makes out the 6d.

Fig. 6 also represents the thickness of a 3-inch deal, showing the manner of obtaining a 2-inch and a 1-inch deal with only one cut, at 3d., which together with 3d. for the land-carriage, makes out the 6d.

Fig. 7 shows also the thickness of a 3-inch deal, describing how to obtain one $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. deal and one $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. deal, with one cut, at 3d., leaving 3d. for land-carriage.

Fig. 8 shows also the thickness of a 3-inch deal, without any cut, but for which the sum of 3d. is added as in all the Tables for land-carriage.

And thus it will appear, that the prices for land-carriage and sawing upon the deals have been incorporated and well considered, both as regards the interest of the builder and his employer.

CHAPTER III.

ON BRICKLAYERS' AND COMMON MASONS' WORKS, IN REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL PRACTICE AND CUSTOMS OF ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, &c.

Bricklayers' Prices, &c.

THE following are prefatory observations to the average prices of Bricklayers' Works, &c., with remarks on the various customs of measuring the same in different parts of the kingdom.

Bricklayers and Masons, in many parts of the United Kingdom, are identified as men following the same business; and this arises frequently from the former and the latter being under the necessity of embracing the two trades, inasmuch as it would be impossible, in many parts, either for masons or bricklayers to carry into execution their several works, if bricklayers were not masons, and the latter the former. In countries abounding with common building stones and flints, the latter materials are incorporated with bricks and mortar in various masses, comprehending walls of every description, the external and internal quoins of which, together with the chimnies, doors, windows, and apertures of every denomination, are built with coarse bricks, and the remainder of the walls with quarried stones and flints collected for the purpose. And in districts where economy is practised in the application of materials towards the formation and construction of walls, masons and bricklayers are unavoidably compelled to follow the two trades, and, consequently, are recognised as the same description of persons; but although expert in building rough walls, it is not to be expected that such persons can be equal in science to bricklayers who are constantly employed in the completion of works, where the walls are composed chiefly of bricks and brick-work of various denominations, interwoven with Stone-cutters' works, consisting of plinths, belting-courses, cornices, and frontispieces of the most magnificent description. In the construction, however, of rough walling, country bricklayers and masons are as expert in the performance of their works as the most scientific bricklayers. Nor are the former to be less appreciated, inasmuch as they are better qualified for executing country works than men who are usually employed in superior under-

General remarks on brick-work.

Bricklaying and masonry united in some parts of the kingdom

Brick quoins and stone walls.

Rough walls.

Superior bricklayers.

Value of rough walling. takings, at higher wages; and, consequently, the value of rough walls, in reference to local wages, but especially to materials easily procured, may be executed, in many parts of the kingdom, with good sound materials, consisting of bricks, stones, and flints, including mortar, at £7. 12s. per English standard rod, containing 306 cubic feet, which is after the rate of 6d. per foot cube, being also about half the price usually charged for a rod of brick-work in London. Upon this view of the subject, it is evident that where buildings are necessarily carried into execution with bricks, the expenses of walling must be increased in the proportion of *two to one*.

Modes of measurement in Ireland, Scotland, and the North and West of England. In the provinces alluded to, as also in Wales, and other places where the major part of the walls to buildings are constructed with rough quarried stones and hard bricks, it is of consequence to every one connected with improvements to be satisfied with the charges for such works, as well as with the customs of measuring, without the knowledge of which it would be impossible to form any estimate of the justness or propriety of builders' charges.

On the system practised by bricklayers in Ireland. It is the custom in some of the provinces and counties alluded to, for bricklayers and masons to include in their measurements all manner of openings, such as doors, windows, chimnies, flues, &c. in the solidity of the walls, as if they were built up; then to measure the reveals, arches, and workmanship to the flues, &c. in addition thereto; the quantities of rods or perches of walling represented by the openings frequently equal one-third or one-fourth of the entire buildings. In justification of the custom, it has been attempted to be proved that the prices have been consistently regulated, but upon what principles we have not yet been able to discover.

The fairest method of measuring bricklayers' and masons' works. The fairest and most proper methods of measuring Bricklayers' and Masons' works of the before-mentioned description is, first, to measure all the solid works which have been executed, taking care to deduct the openings, and then to measure, per foot lineal, all the brick quoins, reveals, arches, &c., taking care, also, in affixing the value, to make suitable allowances for the solid contents of the brick-work incorporated in the admeasurements of the masonry, or to deduct the value thereof, and to allow for the worth of the brick-work separately. In Ireland, where buildings of great extent are frequently carried into execution, the bad customs pointed out are very prevalent.

How to find the quantities in Irish perches, &c. An Irish rod or perch of stone-walling, including brick quoins, is *twenty-one feet in length, eighteen inches in breadth, and twelve inches in depth*; and to find the number of perches contained in a piece of rough stone-work, the following is the method. First, divide the superficial area by 21, and the quotient, if any, will be the answer in rods or perches, and the remainder, if any, will be feet. If the wall is more or less than 18 inches thick, multiply the area of the wall by the number of inches in thickness; which product, divided by 18, and that quotient by 21, will give the perches or rods contained.

EXAMPLE.

Stone walls. A piece of stone-work, including brick quoins, 40 feet long, 20 feet high, and 24 inches thick; how many perches or rods are contained therein?

**Example of
finding the
number of
Irish perches.**

Another method of finding the same.

**How to find
the value in
cubic feet.**

Ans. 50 per. 25 ft.

To ascertain
the value of
common stone
work.

quent expenses in carrying the bricks and stones one, two, three, or more, stories high; also the price of the lime when delivered, together with the expenses of the sand, the expenses of scaffolding, and extra expenses of wages to workmen, if distant from home; all these matters must be taken into consideration, in finding the value of an Irish perch or rod of common stone-work in any part of the country; the value of which will be found to vary, according to local circumstances, in degrees scarcely credible.

Computations of stone-work in Ireland. *Calculation, shewing the Manner of finding the Value of Rods or Perches of STONE-WORK, in the Northern and Southern Parts of IRELAND.*

		s.	d.
Quantities of stone necessary for a perch.	Four cart-loads of the common building-stone will perform a perch of stone-work, which, together with quarrying, loading, and land-carriage, one mile, will cost on the average	4	6
Average value of an Irish barrel of lime.	A barrel of lime, containing forty-two gallons, will perform a perch of stone-work, and will cost, including carriage, on the average	1	10
Irish barrel of sand.	Two barrels of sand to each barrel of lime will be sufficient for a perch of stone-work, and will cost on the average	1	4
Mason or bricklayer. The several floors.	A mason's or bricklayer's time in performing a perch of stone-work, reckoning, on the average, foundations, basements, parlour-floors, with one and two pair floors, gables, scaffoldings, and such other unavoidable expenses, will cost	2	4
Labourer's time in attending masons and bricklayers.	A labourer's time in making the mortar, and attending the masons or bricklayers with it, together with supplies of stones, and occasionally bricks from the foundations to the tops of buildings, will cost, on the average, per rod	1	6
	Profit about 10 per cent.	1	0
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		12	6

All manner of openings deducted. It must be remembered that, in the before-mentioned calculations, all manner of openings are presumed to be deducted, viz. doors, windows, chimnies, and their flues; but, if the latter are included, then the usual charges for pargetting them should be omitted.

Brick-work in Ireland. *Brick-work*, in the parts before alluded to, should be also measured in the same manner as stone-work, and reduced to the standard rod or perch of the country, as before described, except as regards thickness; a rod or perch of brick-work in Ireland is twenty-one feet in length, one foot high, and nine inches thick only; the cubical content of which is 15 feet 9 inches, being half the solid content of a perch of stone-work. Now, by calculations, it appears that one cubic foot of brick-work is worth *eleven-pence*, and by similar calculations it likewise appears, that one cubic foot of stone-work is worth only *five-pence*; a tolerable good proof that stone-walling is cheaper than brick-work, and in the ratio of *two to one*; and, moreover, that brick-work is nearly of the same value, per foot cube, in the remote parts of the kingdom, as it is in London; and to elucidate which examples have been adduced. Hence the average value of brick-

work may, with fairness, be presumed to be nearly the same in most parts of the United Kingdom; at least, approximating in ratios of affinity sufficient for making general estimates.

To find the contents of brick-walls, according to the practice in the four provinces of Ireland, first, multiply the length by the height in feet and inches, and the product, by the number of inches in thickness: the last product, divided by 9, and the following quotient by 21, will discover the true contents in rods or perches; but, when the thickness is only 9 inches, the length and breadth multiplied together, and divided by 21, will produce the number of perches.

Brick-work in the provinces of Connaught, Leinster, Munster, and Ulster.

EXAMPLE.

In a piece of brick-work, 40 feet long, 20 feet high, and 24 inches thick, how many perches of brick-work are contained?

Example to be elucidated.

<i>ft.</i>	<i>in.</i>
40	0 length.
20	0 height.
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800	0
	24 inches in thickness.
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3200	
1600	
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9)19200	(2133
18	
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12	
9	
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30	
27	
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30	
27	
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3	
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The annexed work elucidates.

The work.

<i>per.</i>	<i>ft.</i>
21) 2133	(101 12 <i>Ans.</i>
21	
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33	
21	
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12	
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Second Example: Supposing the brick-wall to be the same dimensions, but only 9 inches thick?

Another example.

<i>ft.</i>	<i>in.</i>
40	0
20	0
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21) 800	0 (38 rods 2 feet. <i>Ans.</i>
63	
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170	
168	
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2	
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The work.

Value of brick-work in the Northern and Southern counties of Ireland. *Calculation shewing the Manner of finding the Value of Rods or Perches of BRICK-WORK in the Northern and Southern Counties of IRELAND.*

		s.	d.
Value of the bricks.	Two hundred and forty bricks are sufficient to complete a rod or perch of brick-work, which, together with freightage and land-carriage, will cost on the average.....	7	4
The value of lime.	A barrel of lime, containing 42 gallons, will be sufficient to complete a rod or perch of brick-work, and will cost, including land-carriage, on the average.....	1	10
Ratios of sand to barrels of lime.	Two barrels of sand to each barrel of lime will be sufficient to complete a rod or perch of brick-work, and will cost, including carriage, on the average.....	1	4
Bricklayer's and mason's time.	A bricklayer's or mason's time in performing a rod or perch of brick-work, reckoning, on the average, foundations, basements, parlour-floors, with one and two pair floors, gables, scaffolding, &c. &c.	2	0
Labourer's time in making mortar, &c.	Labourer's time in making the mortar, and in attending the bricklayer with the same, including also the labour of serving the bricks	1	0
	Profit.....	1	0
		14	6

Price of bricks in Ireland. In the preceding calculations, the bricks are presumed to be 30s. per thousand, which includes the average costs of freightage and land-carriage, and it must be likewise recollected that the price, per rod or perch, has been ascertained, with reference to all the openings being deducted.

		s.	d.
Perches of stone-walls.	The value of a perch of stone walling, in the Northern and Southern provinces, in building a common fence wall, is.....	9	9
Dry walls.	Do. do. in a dry wall	6	6
Brick-work.	Do. of a rod or perch of brick-work, both sides worked fair.....	13	0

Brick-work in Dublin. *The subsequent are the average Prices of Bricks, Lime, and Sand, in DUBLIN, together with the average Prices of Bricklayers' Works and Masonry.*

		£.	s.	d.
Bricks.	Red stocks, at per 1000.....	3	8	3
	Grey stocks, do.....	2	10	0
	Marl stocks, do.	2	10	0
	Place or common do., do.	1	16	0
Lime.	Lime, at per hogshead, containing two bags	0	1	0
	Roche, do.	0	1	4
Sand.	The best fresh-water sand, per double-horse cart load	0	4	10½
	Do. do. single-horse cart load.....	0	3	6

Calculation of the Value of a Rod or Perch of Brick-Work, reckoning the Common Place-Bricks at 36s. per Thousand, including Land-Carriage, in DUBLIN.

	s.	d.	
Two hundred and forty bricks and carriage.....	9	0	Bricks.
Two hogsheds of lime and carriage	2	3	Lime.
Sand, half a load.....	1	9	Sand.
Bricklayer's time	2	2	Time.
Labourer's time	1	2	
Profit.....	1	3	
	17	7	
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Extra facings, with red stock-bricks to fronts, the solid of the walls being first measured as common work, the prime cost of the red stocks being 3 <i>l.</i> 8 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> * per thousand, and openings deducted as per foot superficial	0	6	Superior facings to walls in Dublin.
Extra facings with grey stock bricks, do. do., the prime cost of the bricks being 2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> per thousand, at per foot superficial.....	0	4	Grey stocks.
Brick on edge-paving, with grey stocks, in mortar, at per yard	4	4	Paving on edge.
Do. flat brick paving, do.....	3	0	Flat edge.
Brick on edge-paving, with place-bricks, in mortar.....	3	0	Paving in edge with place.
Flat brick paving in do.	2	3	Do. flat.
Garret sash-frames, bedded and pointed, each.....	1	6	Sash-frames.
Two-pair ditto, each.....	2	0	Two-pair.
One-pair ditto, each.....	2	6	One-pair.
Kitchen ditto, each	2	0	Basement.
Nine-inch, fourteen-inch, and all manner of circular, elliptical, or cambered arches, over small or large openings, are charged at per foot superficial, which, when executed with red-rubbed bricks, at £3. 8 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> per thousand, is worth, per foot super.....	1	2	Circular, elliptical, and cambered arches, &c.
Do. with grey stocks or marls, when they are at £2. 10 <i>s.</i> per thousand..	0	10	Arches.
Do. with common place-bricks, when they are at £1. 16 <i>s.</i> per thousand	0	8	Place-bricks
Bird's mouth, square, squirt, cant, and splayed jambs, to quoins, &c....	0	4	Quoins, &c.
The setting of grates, building of wine-bins, &c. are valued in proportion to the workmen's time, and the worth of the materials consumed.			Grates.
Tanks and Cess-pools are measured and valued in proportion to the prime cost of the bricks and extra labour.			Bins.
			Wells, Tanks, and Cesspools.

The value of 9-inch, 12-inch, 14-inch, and 18-inch drains are valued at per foot running measure, and the correct worth of them is ascertained by calculating the number of bricks in each foot, which, together with the value of the labour and mortar, including the fair profits thereon, are certified by valuers to be the correct worth of drains, the intrinsic value of which vary according to the prime cost of bricks, lime, and sand.

* It must be observed, that £1.2*s.* 9*d.* is equal to one guinea Irish; and, consequently, £3. 8*s.* 3*d.* is equal to three guineas of our late currency.

		s.	d.
Pointing and cleaning.	Cleaning and pointing brick fronts, including the expenses of scaffolding, are charged at per foot superficial.....	0	8
Common brick-work.	Do. to common place-brick fronts.....	0	5
Common stone-work.	The value of common stone walls, in foundations, &c., in the capital before mentioned, are worth from 10s. to 11s. 12s. and 13s., per perch, according to the situations or distances from the quarries.		
Chimney pots.	Chimney-pots are charged, according to their sizes, from 3s. each up to 7s.		

CUSTOMS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF GREAT-BRITAIN.

General observations on customs.

In order that the present work may prove generally useful, we shall subjoin the customs of several other parts of the United Kingdom; and before we conclude, think it but candid to state that, in many parts of Great Britain, the customs of measuring and valuing artificers works are not less absurd than many of those adverted to in Ireland.

Brick-work measured by the rod in England.

In most of the English counties distant from the metropolis, brick walls are measured by the superficial yard, containing 9 feet, the thickness of the work being reduced to a standard of 1 brick, $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick, or 2 bricks, the prices for which are regulated at per yard, according to their respective thicknesses.

Provincial customs in England,

In the north of England, brick walls are measured by the yard, and valued according to the thickness of the work; the builders having a local standard thickness of 18 inches, by which they are governed, and a rod or scale of reference, comprising 49 superficial square yards, which is also adopted by the masons; but neither the standard thickness or provincial rod is abided by on all occasions: openings of every description are included in the admeasurements for workmanship, but not for the latter, including the materials. In valuing chimney-breasts, they measure the horizontal girths from wall to wall, and to these lengths they add the number of widths or divisions between the several flues, estimating each at three inches for the entire breadths; the before-mentioned widths being collected, the altitude of the stories are ascertained, which latter dimensions being multiplied by the former, the superficial contents are obtained, and the thicknesses averaged at nine inches.

not always abided by.

Chimney shafts.

In estimating chimney-shafts the girths are taken all round, to which dimensions the number of widths are added, as before; and if it happens that there should not be more than one row of flues, they are estimated as nine-inch walls.

Customs of Liverpool and Wales.

In Liverpool, the brick-work is measured by the superficial yard; and the same practice prevails, generally speaking, throughout that part of the kingdom. In North and South Wales, and in some of the western counties, the customs are somewhat different; in South Wales the standard perch is 18 feet cube for brick as well as stone-work; the value of which varies in different counties, in proportions to the facilities of obtaining bricks, stone, and lime. The following are the average prices of labour and of building materials in the counties of Pembroke and Caermarthen, in South-Wales.

S. Wales.

Crown Memel timber, from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 8d. per foot cube.

Oak do., string measure, 4s. per foot cube.

Stone delivered on the spot, 3s. per ton.

One ton and a half is equal to one perch.

120 gallons of lime delivered is worth 6s.

Bricks, delivered, are 29s. per thousand.

Masons' wages, per week, from 18s. to 21s.

Carpenters', Plasterers', and Bricklayers', the same.

Painters', do. 21s. to 24s.

Iron, per ton, £12. and 1s. carting.

Aberthaw lime-stone delivered, 4s. 3d. per ton.

Coals per ton, for burning, are 6s.

Materials in
South Wales.

Wages of arti-
ficers.

Bricklayers' Customs in Scotland.

In that part of Great Britain, called Scotland, the brick-work of outside walls is measured and valued by the rood of 36 superficial square feet; and this custom is general, if not universal; the standard thickness for brick-walls being $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick, or 14 inches, thick. Walls of minor thicknesses are measured and valued by the superficial yard, and the prices are regulated in proportion to the thicknesses; and chimney-stalks, as they are called in that part of the kingdom, are estimated by their girths, the horizontal dimensions being taken all round for the lengths, and the altitudes with half the thickness for the heights, which are valued when reduced, as $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick-walls.

In appreciating the value of the breasts of chimnies, they measure the width of the fronts, and one of their returns for the lengths, and for the heights, as far as the works are executed with the same materials, being also of the same thicknesses, which are ascertained by measuring the projections before the faces of the main walls. The apertures for doors and windows are included in the admeasurements, which are customs similar to those practised in the northern and southern counties of Ireland, upon the improprieties of which we have taken the liberty of animadverting; under impressions that where such absurd customs are continued, the correct principles of estimating the value of builders' works cannot be conscientiously performed.

Scotland
Walls, &c.

Chimney-
breasts, fronts,
and returns.

Doors and
windows.

Observations on Bricklayers' Works in the Cities of London and Westminster, &c.

Master-Bricklayers in the metropolis, as well as in most places, are in general men of intelligence; and their business consists chiefly in building brick walls, of various denominations, to private dwellings and public buildings, &c. They are also employed in tiling the roofs of buildings, and in paving, with bricks or tiles made for the purpose; and some of the jobbing-masters also undertake to perform common plasterers' works; but the most eminent bricklayers confine themselves entirely to their own trade, nor will they interfere with any other. But bricklayers in the country are identified not only as bricklayers but as masons, and sometimes as plasterers and slaters.

Observations
on brick-work
in London and
its vicinity.

- Bricklayers' materials. Bricklayers' materials consist of bricks, tiles, mortar, laths, nails, and tile-pins, &c., with which they are supplied while engaged at their different works by labourers, some of whom are employed in making the mortar.
- Building act. By the Building Act of the 14th of Geo. III., sect. 38, every Master-builder in London and the Parishes within the Bills of Mortality, prior to the commencement of any building within the first and seventh rates, must give twenty-four hours' notice of his intention to the district-surveyor, specifying the sort of buildings about to be erected or altered; and it generally falls to the lot of the bricklayer to give the notice required, unless an architect or surveyor is employed to superintend the execution of the proposed works.
- Rates of buildings. District surveyors. Notices, &c. Architects, &c. It is a local act of parliament, and contains restrictions, or regulations, affecting buildings of every description, within the cities of London and Westminster, the weekly bills of mortality, the parishes of St. Mary-labonne, Paddington, St. Pancras, and St. Luke's, Chelsea; and, for the information of those who may have frequent occasion to consult the act, a copious abstract is attached to this work, as part of an appendix.
- Local act. London, Westminster, and Southwark. The proceedings first to be taken in bricklaying are to dig the trenches for the foundations; which being accomplished, the ground should be examined to ascertain if it is sound below the surfaces intended for the foundations, which should be done with iron crow-bars or rammers; and, if the ground should appear to shake, it should then be tried with well-sinker's tools, in order to determine whether the shakes are local or general. If the soil should prove generally firm, the looser parts, if not very deep, should be dug up until solid strata of earth or stone can be arrived at, upon which piers should be built, as herein-after described; but, if the ground should not be very loose, it may then be made perfectly secure by ramming down large stones, closely packed together, and grouted in cement or strong mortar, of breadths at the bottoms proportioned to the intended insisting weights: this Mr. Smirke, the architect, has recently adopted at the New Post-office, in London: but, if the ground should prove to be insecure, in all such cases it should be first piled, and then planked,* to ensure the safety of the intended superstructure; or, if courses of strong Yorkshire landings are laid all round the foundations, they will answer the same purpose, and, at the same time, supersede the necessity of brick-footings, which, in many instances, are unnecessary, where the walls are of sufficient thickness, and the ground upon which the foundations are built, is secure; but, as regards footings, where they are indispensable, the last mentioned practice is now becoming very general, and, in structures of considerable magnitude, strong Yorkshire landings are introduced, at least four or five inches thick, and suitably wide.
- Foundations. Examination of the ground; how to try, and with what implements. Piers, as described subsequently. Ramming down stone as at the New Post-office. Brickfootings. Where necessary, stone footings preferable. York landings. Rising and sloping ground.

* The system of piling was adopted at the New Custom-house, in London, built but a few years since; and although it has failed, we have been informed that blame, to the extent reported, ought not to be attached to the architect or the builder, as we understand the principle of piling was recommended by a late highly-respected and most eminent engineer. We lament the failure, and sincerely regret that the foundation of such a magnificent structure should have given way.

According to the general lines of the ground, which will ensure secure berths for the foundations, and prevent the possibility of their sliding, which they are apt to do, if very great care is not taken, and especially in wet seasons, where the moisture in the foundations will cause the inclined parts to descend, to the extreme danger of fracturing the walls, and thereby destroying or very much injuring the superstructure.

Where it happens that the ground proves loose, to a considerable depth, in those places where it is intended to introduce windows, doors, and other apertures, while the sides, on which the piers must stand, are firm, it is an excellent practice to introduce inverted arches under such intended apertures.

Speculative opinions have been given upon the subject of inverted arches, as not being requisite under any circumstances, but where the depths of the walls below the apertures will admit of it, the reasons for introducing them cannot be resisted; inasmuch as the small bases of the piers will more readily penetrate the ground than continued bases; and, as the piers may be allowed to descend to certain degrees, so long as they can be kept from spreading, they will carry the arches with them, compressing the ground, and forcing the re-action against the sides of the inverted arches, which, if properly jointed, so far from yielding cannot fail, with the abutting piers, to operate as solid bodies. Now, if the expedient of inverted arches be not adopted, the intermediate low pieces of walling under the apertures, not having sufficient vertical dimensions, will frequently give way by the resistances of the ground upon their bases, and not only fracture the brick-work below the apertures, but likewise the window-sills; and from hence it is deemed requisite that the arches should be turned with the greatest exactness, and that parabolic curves should be introduced as being the most effectual in the re-action of the ground, their forms being adapted to the laws of uniform pressure. The beds of the piers should be as regular as possible, that is, of equal depths; for, although the bottoms of the trenches may prove to be firm, yet if they should happen to be different in depths, they will sink in proportions thereto, according to the degrees of softness in the earth; and under these circumstances the piers, on the softest ground, will sink more than those on the hardest, and thereby occasion vertical fractures in the upper parts of edifices to which such described foundations refer.

But, if it should happen that the solid parts of the earth in the trenches will be under the intended apertures and the softer parts of the earth, where the piers are intended to be built, the reverse of the above practice should be resorted to; *that is*, by building piers on the firm parts of the ground in the trenches, and to suspend parabolic arches between them in the transverse positions to those previously described: in the performances of which the greatest care and attention should be paid to the insisting piers; *that is*, by previously ascertaining whether they will cover the arches or not; for, if the middle of the piers should rest over the middle of the summits of the arches; the narrower the piers are, the greater should be the curvatures of the arches at their apex, or points, where the parabolic arches come in contact with the superstructure. But, where suspended arches are introduced, it must be understood that the *intrados* ought to be clear, that the arches may have their full effect; and it is also necessary to remark, that the earth on which the piers are intended to be erected should be of equal firmness, to prevent the possibility of partial or un-

Stepping-in
brick-work.Moisture in
foundations.

Loose ground.

Inverted arch
in brick-work.Opinions on
the subject.Piers to de-
scend.Re-action of
arches.operate as so-
lid bodies.Arches turned
with exactness.

Beds of piers.

Different
depths.Softness of
ground.Solids in earth,
reverse of the
above prac-
tice.Parabolic
arches.

Insisting piers.

Summits of
arches.Arches in con-
tact.Suspended
arches.

- Partial settle- equal settlements, which are more likely to be productive of serious injury, than
ment. where the ground, from being uniformly soft, yields equally to the pressure of
the superstructure. Now, where it is requisite to introduce stones in the manner
- Stones as be- before described, to assist in rendering the foundations secure, the stones
fore. should be previously hammered or broken to pieces, in the manner adopted in
Mac-Adamizing the public roads, in order that, when compressed together, and
- Grouting in cement. grouted in cement or mortar, they may form entire masses or substances of
Footings of stone, which cannot be separated by any superponderant matter; and, in ordi-
stones. nary cases, the lower beds of stones should project about one foot on each side
of the intended walls; upon which a series of courses should be laid so as to
- Upper beds of bring the upper beds of the stones upon equal levels with those of the trenches,
stones. gradually diminishing with the alternate layers of stones until they are level
with the bottom of the general intended foundations, and upon which should
- Bottom of be laid and bedded, in good mortar, strong Yorkshire stone landings of large
foundations. dimensions, in order that, where the foundations are doubtful, every possibility
York landings. of danger may be entirely removed before a single brick or stone is laid.
- To estimate In estimating admeasurements to ascertain the correct value of brick-work, the
weights, num- subsequent memoranda respecting weight, number, and measure, of materials,
bers, and mea- it is presumed, will be found generally useful. We shall, therefore, commence
sures. our undertaking by preparing the mind to take a view of the materials before
they are converted; as also of the given quantities which will be requisite to
perform given ratios, allowing liberally for waste.
- Feet super of A superficial foot of reduced brick-work will require 17 bricks.
brick-work. A superficial foot of marle-facing will require 8 bricks.
- Gauged arches A superficial foot of gauged arches will require 10 bricks.
- Squares. 100 superficial feet is equal to one square of tiling.
- Do. of plain One square of plain tiling will require 800, at a 6-inch gauge.
tiling. Ditto 700, at a 7-inch gauge.
Ditto 600, at a 8-inch gauge.
- General obser- OBSERVE.—*The distances between the laths will entirely depend upon the pitches
vations on of the roofs, and will, in degrees, require, according to circumstances, 6-inch, 7-in.
tiling. and 8-in. gauges. For example, kirb-roofs will require gauges of $7\frac{1}{2}$ -in. or 8-in.
Kirbed roofs. in the kirbed parts; and in the upper parts, 6-in., $6\frac{1}{2}$ -in., or 7-in., the distances
being less as the angles of elevations are less.*
- Bundles of A square of plain tiling will, on most occasions, require a bundle of laths; but
laths. this will entirely depend on the pitch of the roof.
- Lime. Two bushels of lime and one of sand are also deemed requisite for a square of
tiling, with a peck of tile-pins.
- Retailing of The laths for tiling are retailed by lath-renders, at per bundle, and comprise
laths. those of 3, 4, and 5 feet lengths.
- 3 Feet laths The 3-feet laths are 8 score to the hundred, or 160 laths.
- 4 Feet do. The 4-feet laths are 6 score to the hundred, or 120 laths.
- 5 Feet do. The 5-feet laths are 5 score to the hundred, and equal in length to 500 feet run-
ning measure.
- Four-penny The nails used in lathing are those which are denominated *four-penny*.
nails. The latter are purchased by the long hundred of 120, and retailed at the short
hundred, equal to *ten times ten*.

The rates of prices for nails are regulated by their names: for example, four-penny nails are charged at *four-pence*; and in like manner for the residue, known by the pence they are charged at.

The quantity of nails required to a bundle of 5-feet laths will be about 500.

Ditto to a bundle of 6-feet laths 600.

Quantities
required.
6-feet laths.
Paving bricks.

No. 32 paving-bricks laid flat are required to pave one yard, the bricks being 9 inches long by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide.

No. 82 paving bricks, laid on edge, are required to pave one yard, bricks 9 inches by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

No. 66 common stock-bricks, laid on edge, are required to pave one yard, bricks $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Stocks, &c.

No. 36 common stock-bricks laid flat are required to pave one yard, bricks $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Dutch paving-bricks, or clinkers, are $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, 3 inches wide, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, and weigh, each, on the average $1\frac{1}{2}$ pound.

Stock-bricks are $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick, and, on the average, they weigh 5 pounds *Avoirdupois*.

306 cubic feet are estimated to be equal to one rod of reduced brick-work, which is produced by multiplying 272 by 1 ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., the presumed length of one brick and the corresponding half of another, which is the standard for rods of brick-work in the Cities of London and Westminster, and parts adjacent; but this measure must not be considered universal, or as applying generally to the United Kingdom. And 4,500 bricks are considered sufficient to execute a rod, allowing for waste; and, to reduce the cubic feet of brick-work to the standard thickness, multiply by 8 and divide by 9, and that product divided by 272, will produce the number of rods reduced to $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch brick, of the London standard measure. Rod of brick-work, &c.

A superficial square of pan-tiling will require 180 tiles, laid to a 10-inch gauge. Pan-tiling.

The square will also require a bundle of laths, which consists of 12 laths, 10 feet long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide, and 1 inch thick. Pan-tile laths.

Plain tile laths are about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide and 1 inch thick.

Plain laths

Pan-tiles are $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and half an inch thick.

Pan-tiles.

The weight of a pan-tile is about 5 pounds.

Plain tiles are $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, and nearly three-quarters of an inch thick. Their weight is nearly half the weight of pantiles, viz., $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, or thereabout. Plain tiles.

The exact weight, per square, of plain tiling may be ascertained by weighing several intended to be used; and where it is apprehended that the walls may not be suitably strong to carry plain tiling, the weight of the tiles should always be ascertained, in order that the roofs may be framed accordingly. The weights of tiles differ according to the manner in which they are made, as well as from the temperature or quality of the clay. Weight, per square.

No. 15 ten-inch tiles will pave a yard, each tile being $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches square, 1 inch thick, and weighing 9 pounds, or thereabout. 10-inch tiles.

No. 10 twelve-inch tiles are required to pave a yard, each tile measuring only $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches square and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick; weight about $12\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. 12-inch tiles.

Common paving bricks are 9 inches long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, each brick weighing 4 pounds, or thereabout. Common paving bricks.

Rods of brick-work in London.

The standard measure for brick-work in London is derived from the English perch or rod, identified as equal to 16 feet and one half of a foot, which, being multiplied by the same numbers, produces 272 feet and three inches, which are equal to one superficial square rod, as per example.

Example.

ft.	in.
16	6
16	6
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96	0
16	0
8	3
8	0
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272	3
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On the method of measuring brick-work

The odd three inches are never taken into account, as in general calculations they would create trouble, without producing any satisfaction. And as the fractional parts are only three-twelfths of a foot, they are not worth taking any notice of; 272 feet are, therefore, recognized as the standard number of superficial feet for a rod of brick-work, reduced to the presumed thickness of a brick and a half, which should be equal to $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches; but as the bricks made in the

Average size of bricks made in London.

vicinity of London, when burned, seldom average more than $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches, a brick and a half is equal to only thirteen inches and *one-eighth* part of an inch, wanting three-eighths of the required thickness; consequently, our principle of measuring brick-work is NOT STRICTLY CORRECT. Brick-walls should, and ought to be, measured by their actual thicknesses, in cubic feet and inches, and subsequently reduced to rods, by which mean they would be accurately measured and fairly appreciated. Walls are frequently thicker than what they are represented to be, by the number of bricks and half-bricks stated to be in the thicknesses. Of course, Master-Bricklayers are not always justly paid for the solid contents of the walls which are built by their workmen, including the mortar, and which, in point of fact, as regards the equity of admeasurements, and the honest claims of Bricklayers, is one of those customs which require fair and unprejudiced investigation: at any rate, the practice of regulating, or of finally settling, the thicknesses of walls, by the exact sizes of the bricks described, must be erroneous, as the bricks when burned seldom or ever correspond with the sizes adverted to, of 9 inches long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick. Presuming, however, that the standard thickness of brick-work is correct, at $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches, if 272 feet are multiplied by the former, they will produce 306 cubic feet, which are equal to the arithmetical numbers contained in a rod of reduced brick-work, as per example.

Masters frequently not paid for the solid contents of walls.

Cubical feet in a rod.

ft.	in.
272	0
1	$1\frac{1}{2}$
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272	0
22	8 0
11	4 0 0
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306	0 0 0
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Example.

The calculations of scientific practical men are, that 4500 bricks are consumed on the average in building a rod of brick-work, the cubical content of which is 306 feet. The number of bricks mentioned may serve as general guides to estimators; but the actual quantities of bricks consumed in rods of brick-work will entirely depend upon the manner in which the works are executed, that is, upon the closeness of the joints and the sizes of the bricks; 4300 in various sorts of walls are sufficient, whereas 4600 in many instances are insufficient.

Upon mature reflection, therefore, it will be presently seen that the nett value of brick-work will depend upon contingencies, arising out of different causes; with which valutors should be informed previous to their prices being finally adjusted. If walls are executed entirely with place-bricks, the prices should be proportioned to the value of the materials; and, in like manner, if with grey-stocks, or with component parts of the former, then according to their respective ratios of materials; and if faced with the *best* or *second marls*. The quantities of works should be all first measured, as of one denomination, and subsequent prices allowed per foot superficial for extra facings, or else the quantities of superior walling should be deducted from the former, and the same quantities added, as works consisting of more valuable materials, including superior workmanship. And, in taking into consideration the value of brick-work in the metropolis, care should be taken to settle the prices upon such equitable principles, as to embrace the extra cartage on bricks, including turnpikes, and all manner of unavoidable expenses, allowing at the same time 20 per cent. upon the average of the prime cost, for profit.

In *Lime Measure*, 100 pecks are estimated as equal to what is called a *Hundred of Lime*; the former and latter of which are equal to 25 striked bushels, and 2150 $\frac{2}{3}$ cubic inches are equal to eight gallons, the latter of which is equal to a bushel, Dry Measure; and 262 $\frac{2}{3}$ cubic inches are equal to a gallon.

In reference to mortar, 27 cubic feet are considered equal to a load, in which should be incorporated a half hundred of lime, with proportionate quantities of sand, the ratios of which should be regulated by the richness of the lime. 1134 cubic inches are equal to a hod of mortar, 14 inches long, 9 inches broad, and 9 inches deep; and 2 hods of mortar are nearly equal to a bushel.

A ton weight of common sand is equal to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubic feet; a ton of clay to 17 $\frac{1}{3}$ cubic feet; and a ton of common earth to 18 cubic feet.

A ton weight is equal in weight to 454 stock bricks; and 2 tons 4 cwt. 0 qrs. and 2 lbs. are equal in weight to 1000 bricks. The subsequent calculation shews the weight of a rod of brick-work.

	tons. cwt.		qrs. lbs.		
Weight of 4500 bricks	9	18	0	9	Of a rod of
Do. of 81 cubic feet of sand	3	8	3	20	brick-work.
Do. of 40 feet 6 inches do. of chalk-lime	2	0	2	0	
Weight of a rod of brick-work	15	7	2	1	
1000 Plain tiles, weigh	1	0	2	16	Of tiles.
Do. pan-tiles	2	1	3	7	
100 12-inch paving do.	0	10	3	21	
100 10-inch do.	0	7	2	16	

- Measures of sand, &c. One cubic yard is equal to 18 heaped bushels of sand; or, with 22 striked bushels, are estimated as single loads.
- Two cubic yards are equal to 36 heaped bushels of sand; or, with 44 striked bushels, are estimated as double loads.
- 54 Heaped bushels of sand, or 3 single loads, are required for a rod of brick-work, mixed with chalk-lime.
- 63 Heaped bushels of sand, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ single loads, are required to a rod of brick-work, if executed with stone-lime.
- A bushel is nearly equal to 1 foot 3 inches cubic, or with $2150\frac{3}{4}$ cubical inches.
- Quantities of mortar in a rod. To execute a rod of brick-work, containing 306 cubic feet, built in the ordinary manner, it will require 184 hods of mortar.
- Brick-work in Roman cement, in cubic yards. To execute a rod of brick-work with Roman cement, it will require from 65 to 70 bushels, mixed with equal portions of sand; and proportionately, per cubic yards or per cubic feet. For example, If it be required to ascertain how many bushels will execute a cubic yard, then say, if 306 cubic feet requires 70 bushels, how many will 27 cubic feet require?
- Bushels of cement.

	<i>cubic feet.</i>	<i>bushels.</i>	<i>cubic feet.</i>
The work.	306	: 70	:: 27
			70
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			306) 1890 ($6\frac{1}{4}$ th bushels.
			1836
			<hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>
			..54 = to $\frac{1}{2}$ th or thereabout.
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- Quantities of cement, per yards super. One bushel of Roman cement, used with judgment, upon walls suitably prepared for stucco, will be sufficient to cover from three to four yards; that is, if mixed or equalized with quantities of clean, sharp, quick, river, drift, or sea, sand.
- Mortar in a rod, two of sand to one of lime. 150 Pecks, or one hundred and a half, of common chalk-lime is requisite to execute a rod of common brick-work, which will require to be incorporated with double the quantity of sand, making altogether $4\frac{1}{2}$ hundred, the cubical contents of which will be equal to $4\frac{1}{2}$ times 27 cubic feet, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ loads of mortar; the solid contents of the mortar will therefore be 121 feet 6 inches, and the solid contents of the bricks 184 feet 6 inches, making altogether 306 cubic feet; and from hence it appears that, in brick-walls, *one-third* is very nearly mortar, and the remaining *two-thirds* bricks.
- Stone, lime, &c. 100 Pecks, or one hundred of the best stone-lime, will be sufficient to execute a rod of brick-work, with proportionate quantities of good, sharp, quick, lively sand; and two bushels of lime, incorporated with proportionate quantities of sand, will make mortar sufficient for 100 feet of plain tiling; and four hods of mortar, or thereabout, are required to lay 100 bricks.
- Mortar to 100 bricks.
- Square boxes, 3 ft. by 3 feet. 3 feet deep, and 3 feet long, which, filled with lime, strike-measure, will contain one cubic yard, 27 cubic feet, or 46,656 cubic inches; the contents of which are respectively equal to $21\frac{1}{4}$ th bushels, dry-measure.
- 1 Cubic yard.
- Cubic inches in a yard.

	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1 Square of plain tiling will weigh, that is reckoning 800 to the sq.	16	2	2
1 Do. of do. reckoning 700 to the square	14	1	22
1 Do. of do. reckoning 600 to the square.....	12	1	15
1 Do. of pantiling, reckoning 180 to the square.....	7	2	13

BRICKS, for the general purposes of constructing walls, claim a decided superiority over stone, or any other material used for walling, not only as being lighter, and more easily handled, but likewise on account of their porosity, which facilitates their union with mortar, and which renders them less liable to retain or attract moisture.

In most parts of England where bricks are made, the sizes of the moulds are $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, 5 inches in breadth, and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in depth, and they are generally made of the above dimensions, in expectation that the bricks, when burned, will be 9 inches long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick; but, when burned, they seldom prove to be more than $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, or less. Their degrees of shrinking are various, which arises chiefly from the purity or quality of the different sorts of clay, as well as the intensity of the various degrees of heat to which they are exposed, by being burned in clamps; and, from these reasons, bricks, which have been burned in kilns, are more highly appreciated; inasmuch as the mode of burning them, in the latter way, insures an equalization of heat, not to be commanded in burning bricks in open clamps, exposed to all the inclemencies of the weather, which subjects them, during the process of burning, to be injured in various degrees by the changes of the weather, which, more or less, promotes successive inequalities of heat in the operation of burning, especially in windy weather; hence it is that the bricks burned in clamps are of various sorts: those which are the *least* burned are called *common place-bricks*; those which are *well* burned, the *best Grey Stocks*; and the next in gradation, the *Second Grey Stocks*, and with these bricks the major part of the houses and public edifices, in London, are built.

To the above-mentioned bricks may be added those which are called *Marls*; these are prepared and tempered with great care, but the clamps in which they are burned are similar to those for common bricks, though greater caution is used in burning them. The clearest and best coloured *Marls*, which are of a pure yellow hue, are called *Firsts*, and are selected as cutting-bricks, for arches, door-ways, windows, and quoins, for which purposes they are rubbed and reduced to their proper forms and dimensions. The next, in degree of quality, are called *Seconds*, and are used chiefly in facing the principal fronts of buildings; their colour, also, is yellow, which, added to their pleasing appearance and superior durability, have caused them to be classed as the first-rate sort of bricks, for facing the fronts of public and private edifices. The best *Grey Stocks* are something like the *second Marls*, but inferior in quality, they are nevertheless highly appreciated; and, in facings for the fronts of buildings, if they are selected with care, and uniformly built in a masterly style, they produce the most agreeable effect; nor are the seconds less applicable to flank and *rere* walls, executed in like manner, each of which, in proportion to the respective value of the materials, should be estimated accordingly.

- English and Flemish bond, how known. Bond, in brick-work or masonry, implies the disposition of bricks or stones built in walls, upon such principles as to prevent the vertical joints coming in contact. *English* and *Flemish Bond*, in brick-work, if properly executed, may be known by the manner in which the bricks are laid: when they are laid longitudinally, they are called *stretchers*; and, when laid transversely, they are called *headers*. When disposed so that every alternate course consists of headers only, and stretchers only, it is *English Bond*; and one header between every two stretchers, and one stretcher between every two headers, is *Flemish Bond*.
- The manner of laying the bricks. Headers and stretchers. Red bricks. Red Stock Bricks are generally made in the country, and are burned in kilns; their colour arises chiefly from the nature of the clay they are formed with, which, in general, is pure. The best sort are used as cutting-bricks, and are called *Red Rubbers*. The Grey Stock Bricks, made in the neighbourhood of London, harmonize much better with the colour both of stone and paint, and by persons of refined judgment are much preferred. At Hedgerly, a village near Windsor, Red Bricks are made, which are about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, they are of a firm texture, and will stand the greatest violence of the fire; they are commonly called Windsor, or Fire-bricks, and are used in building ovens, &c.
- Grey stocks, near London. Fine bricks, commonly called Windsor. Paving-bricks, their sizes. Paving Bricks are of the same dimensions as Windsor bricks, which are 9 inches long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick.
- Paving-tiles, their sizes. Paving Tiles are also used, which are made of the purest and strongest clay, and are of a red colour; the largest are about 12 inches square, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick: the next sizes are what are called 10-inch tiles, but when burned, are only about 9 inches square, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.
- Coping-bricks. Coping Bricks are also made, and are used for the purposes which the name implies.
- Concave-bricks, their uses. Concave or Hollow Bricks are also made, which are flat on one side, like common bricks, and are hollowed on the reverse side, and are used for drains and water-courses.
- Dutch bricks, their uses. Dutch or *Flemish* Bricks are those before mentioned, which are used in paving stables, likewise in lining soap-boilers' cisterns, &c.; their sizes have been already described.
- Feather-edged bricks, their uses. Feather-edged Bricks are also made, which are of the same sizes as the common bricks, but are thinner on one side than the other, and they are chiefly used for pinning up brick panels in timber buildings.
- Brick-noggings, on edge or laid flat. Brick-Noggings are thin walls or partitions, constructed with vertical posts, framed into top and bottom plates, and the intervals filled in with brick-work, either with bricks set on edge, or laid flat and set in mortar; the value of which it is usual to ascertain at per yard.
- Brick cornices, valued by the run. The most pleasing cornices may be formed in brick-work by a judicious disposition of the bricks, and frequently without cutting them; the expense of which should be ascertained by the foot run.
- To measure brick-footings; average thickness. The proper way of measuring the footings to brick-walls, is to multiply the length and the height together, then to multiply the product by the number of half-bricks in the averaged thickness, and ultimately divide the product by 3, and the quotient will be the answer required, in reduced feet.
- Computations. To compute the number of rods contained in pieces of brick-work, the following rules should be observed, as in part before explained.

Rule 1.—Provided the walls are at the standard thicknesses, first divide the area of the wall by 272, and the quotient, if any, will be the answer in rods, and the residue, if any, the number of feet; but, if the walls are less or more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick in thickness, multiply the area of the wall by the number of half-bricks in length, then divide the product by 3, and the wall will be reduced to the standard of $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick; which, being divided by 272, the quotient will be the number of rods required.—*See the Example beneath.*

Rule 2.—Find the number of cubic feet contained in the brick-wall, as shown in the first example beneath, and divide that number by 306, and the quotient, if any, will exhibit the number of rods, and the residue, if any, the number of cubic feet.

Rule 3.—First, multiply the number of cubic feet in brick-wall by 8, then divide the product by 9, and the quotient will exhibit the area of the wall at the standard thickness; which, being divided by 272, the quotient will produce the number of rods and feet, as before explained.

The explanation of the last Rule cannot be better exemplified than by the annexed, $\frac{8}{9 \times 272} = \frac{1}{9 \times 34} = \frac{1}{306}$, which is the divisor of a rod, without reference to the standard.

Example.—The length of a wall being 85 feet long, 17 feet high, and the thickness equal to the length of two bricks and a half, how many rods of brick-work are contained in the wall?

Operation by the first method—

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{feet.} \\
 85 \\
 17 \\
 \hline
 595 \\
 85 \\
 \hline
 1445 \\
 \text{5 number of half-bricks.} \\
 \hline
 3) 7225 \\
 \hline
 272) 2408 \text{ (8 rods 232 feet.} \\
 2176 \\
 \hline
 232 \\
 \hline
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

Example the first.

Operation by the second method—

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{feet.} \\
 85 \\
 17 \\
 \hline
 595 \\
 85 \\
 \hline
 1445 \\
 1 \ 10 \ 6 \\
 \hline
 1445 \\
 \hline
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

Example the second.

(The work continued) 1445

722 6

481 8

60 2 6

306)2709 4 6 (8 rods 261 feet.

2448

261

Operation by the third method—

Example the
third.

85

17

595

85

1445

1 10 6

1445

722 6

481 8

60 2 6

2709 4 6

8

9)21675 0 0

272) 2408 4 0 (8 rods, 232 feet.

2176

232

To measure
angle-chim-
nies ;
taking the di-
mensions ;

the triangles
on the super-
to the solids.

First and se-
cond rules.

Angle-chim-
nies, with pro-
jections ;

how to take the
dimensions.

When chimnies are built in the angles of rooms, to find their contents, multiply the superficial areas of the triangles by the altitudes of the walls ; and, in proceeding to take the dimensions, produce the counterparts of the triangles on the floors of the rooms, which may be easily accomplished with the measuring-rods, or by lines chalked on the floors, then will the triangles on the floors be equal to the triangles of the chimnies. To find their contents, multiply the bases by half the perpendiculars, and the areas of the triangles will be found ; then proceed as first described, and subsequently by the preceding rules, to ascertain the quantities of rods, &c.

It sometimes occurs, that angular chimney-breasts do not intersect the adjoining walls, but project from the faces of those adjacent, by returning two vertical planes of equal breadths, each at right angles with the adjacent walls. Now, in these cases, the triangular prisms should be measured as before, but as the interior of such walls is frequently constructed with burrs, inferior sorts of bricks, the parts adverted to will then consist of rectangular prisms, and

nothing more is requisite than to measure them as such, taking care to deduct the vacuities of the fire-places.

In the preceding instances to the latter, where the planes of the breasts intersect the sides of the rooms, lineal allowances, *per foot*, ought to be made for the inside splays; and, in the cases where the planes of the breasts do not intersect the adjacent walls, two outside splays and two internal right-angles are unavoidable. Now, in these, and in similar instances, there ought to be allowances made for outside splays, as well as internal right angles, *per foot run*, each according to the differences in the workmanship. It is not attempted to be insinuated, that these allowances could be sanctioned while the present system of valuing brick-work is in fashion, the prices for which are presumed to include delays of every sort, but without any apparent foundation in reason. It would be desirable if the prices, *per rod*, could be reduced in degrees, that each sort of work might be valued by its common measure, in proportion to the time required to perform given portions.

Lineal measures for quoins, &c.

Intersections.

Outsidesplays, as well as internal angles, &c.

Present mode of measuring brick-work in London unsatisfactory.

To compute the value of party, flank, and partition, walls, with flues, &c. In the first place, proceed to find the cubical contents of the interior of the several parts of the walls in feet, according to the figures into which they may be resolved, from which deduct the vacuities, and multiply the residue by 8, and divide by 9 as before explained, and the work will be reduced to the standard rod.

To value party-walls.

Openings, &c.

In measuring walls containing chimnies, it is not customary to deduct the flues. This practice may have the appearance of being incorrect; but, taking into consideration the extra labour in forming the flues, and the expenses of par-getting, the allowance is quite reasonable.

Flues included in measurement.

In reference to the lineal measures of quoins, it is with regret observed, that the practice is not general; and, as far as we know, has only as yet taken place in outside and inside splays, and in the angles of quoins. We allow that any innovation, not founded in reason, ought to be rejected; but, convinced of the justice of the proposed system, we have ventured to introduce the subject, under conviction that the principle ought to be adopted and followed in every case, whether the quoins are vertical, horizontal, or curved, and that suitable prices should be affixed to each description of quoins, whether external or internal, as the trouble in executing external angles is greater than internal angles, greater in oblique than in right angles, greater in curved quoins than in straight ones, and far greater in quoins where the angles are perpetually variable than in curves where the angles are uniformly the same.

Further remarks on lineal measures to quoins, &c.

Quoins, vertical, horizontal, &c.

To value the solid contents of walls in buildings, first reduce all the parts into rectangular prisms, and then find the solid contents of each prism; apertures, therefore, of any consequence, should be deducted from the measures, and allowances made, in lineal feet, upon all the angles, as described, for the trouble of plumbing, levelling, and straightening: it is true, that great lengths of walling require numerous intermediate plumbings; but then, as they are regulated upon the faces, the trouble is small in comparison to what is required in vertical terminations; and, as the plumbings referred to are made at regular distances, the parts of the wall may be said to be uniformly built; and the same in all equal lengths of wall, and the time proportioned to the quantities under the same

General principles for valuing walling, with allowances in lineal measures.

Solid contents fair ratios.	circumstances of height and thickness ; and therefore the areas, or solid contents, may be presumed as fair ratios for the prices. And, moreover, it is manifest, that the greater the number of openings, in the same lengths of walls, the more trouble they will occasion to the workmen, the differences in time being required to form the sides of the apertures. In these cases, therefore, the time computed for the completion of walls of given dimensions, and of the same quantities of work, must depend upon the number of quoins that are to be built ; and, consequently, cannot be determined by the solid contents of the walls : but jointly they may be ascertained, that is, by making equitable allowances for the lineal quantities of angles ; for the solid contents are not as to the time, when the number of quoins are increased, and, consequently, the prices cannot be as to the time ; but the prices may be made equivalent by fair allowances for the increased number of angles.
General observations on measuring brick-work, &c.	
Construction of quoins.	It is also manifest, that, in the construction of quoins, as long as the bricklayers continue at the same rate of work, the lineal quantities are in the same <i>ratio</i> as to the time ; and hence it is that the lineal measures ought to be taken as fair representations of the value of the quoins.
Quantities of surface.	In carrying up walls of the same horizontal lengths, without any openings, the quantities of work performed by the same number of bricklayers are equal in equal times ; but, as the work proceeds, additional labourers are requisite, as the height increases, to supply the bricks and mortar. In these instances, also, the quantities of surface are fair representations as regards the bricklayers ; but the prices for the work ought to encrease as the work proceeds, and the encrease should be in terms of arithmetical progression ; for, suppose the materials at the foot of the scaffold, and the scaffolding erected at regular heights, it is evident that, whatever time the labourers require to mount the first scaffold, it will require double the time for the second, triple for the third, and quadruple for the fourth. An increase, also, to the prices for brick-work, for the use of scaffolding, should be added in gradations, with the extra charges for labourers, and in proportions as the works are carried up. Now, as to the value of the labour, as regards the bricklayers, it may be fairly computed by the quantities of surface in walls of equal thicknesses ; but advanced prices ought to be allowed for labourers and scaffolding.
Scaffolding.	
Labourers' time in proportion.	
Cores and faces of walls.	As more time is required to perform the same quantities of work in the faces of walls than in their cores, on account of plumbing, the trouble of erecting the walls will be greater in proportion than in those which are thicker ; and from hence it may be questioned how far the practice of reducing walls to a brick and a-half thick is correct. The subsequent method appears to be more rational : First, to measure the solid contents of the entire, and value the same at per rod, then to measure the surfaces of the walls, at certain rates per foot superficial, and to value the same according to the qualities of the works. Equal quantities of core may be built in equal times, and, likewise, equal quantities of surface in equal times ; but equal quantities of core, and equal quantities of surface-work, cannot be performed by workmen in equal times ; and therefore the standard measure is not founded upon equitable principles : but in walls where great neatness is not required, perhaps the differences of time to perform equal quantities of work, in walls of different thicknesses, is not worth regarding.
Quære, Is the present mode of measuring brick-work correct?	
Standard measure not strictly just.	

The preceding arguments would not have been so much insisted upon, had it not been that many of the common modes in practice, in London and its vicinity, are not reducible to any principles, and are therefore incomprehensible to all. When men, who are mere followers of custom, affect to be profound in the knowledge of rules which have not any existence, except in their own conceit, who have acquired facilities in their professions, and are reluctant to be at any farther trouble, will strain every nerve to protect antient customs, with all their absurdities; and, instead of expelling falsehoods, will declaim loudly against every rational improvement as dangerous innovation: it is the duty of professional men to exert their influence in the developement of scientific truth for the benefit of mankind; and as, in every profession, men of reflection are to be found, we hope the subject will attract the attention of those whose recommendations cannot fail to prove highly satisfactory to all parties concerned in building.

To ascertain the price per rod for brick-work, the first step to be taken is to consider how many bricks are requisite to perform the same; secondly, the sizes and qualities of those bricks, and how many of each sort have been, or are likely to be, consumed; as likewise their prime cost, including the carriage or freightage, or both together, with the value of the sand and lime; as also the labour, including scaffolding, and a fair profit upon the entire cost out of pocket. The ultimate value per rod will also depend upon the goodness of the workmanship, and the average value of the labour, including the use of the scaffolding; for, in building foundations and party-walls, which are usually done with inferior bricks, the bricklayers may each lay from 1500 to 1600 bricks *per diem*; in garden and in boundary prison-walls, where great care is requisite, not more than 1000 *per diem*; and in building walls, faced with grey stocks, of an even and uniform colour, where the utmost care and attention is requisite, bricklayers will not, perhaps, lay more than 500 *per diem*. To render justice to the employed, all these matters should be alternately taken into consideration in affixing proportionate prices to brick-work, whether the work be executed in London, or in any other part of these dominions; the following examples will serve to illustrate the subject, so that it may be clearly comprehended.

Suppose a party-wall to be built with sound grey-stocks and common place-bricks, estimating 4500 bricks to each rod, and 2250 bricks of each sort, what will be the average value?

EXAMPLE.

	£.	s.	d.	
2250 grey-stocks, at 42s. per thousand.....	4	14	6	Estimate of a rod of brick-work in a party-wall, half grey-stocks and half place.
2250 place-bricks, at 32s. do.....	3	12	0	
150 pecks of lime, at 14s. per hundred.....	1	1	0	
300 pecks of sand, at 5s. do.	0	15	0	
5 days, a bricklayer, at 5s.	1	5	0	
5 days, a labourer, at 3s.	0	15	0	
Use of scaffolding.....	0	4	0	
	£.12	6	6	
Twenty per cent. profit.....	2	9	3½	
	£.14	15	9½	

Detail value of a rod of brick-work in a party-wall, all place-bricks.

		£.	s.	d.
Estimate of a rod of brick-work in a party-wall all place-bricks.	4500 place-bricks, at 32s. per thousand, which includes carriage....	7	4	0
	150 pecks of lime, at 14s. per hundred.....	1	1	0
	300 pecks of sand, at 5s. do.....	0	15	0
	5 days, a bricklayer, at 5s.....	1	5	0
	5 days, a labourer, at 3s.....	0	15	0
	Use of Scaffolding.....	0	4	0
		£.11	4	0
Twenty per cent. profit.....		2	4	9½
Total value.....		£.13	8	9½

Detail of a rod of brick-work, in which all grey-stocks are used.

		£.	s.	d.
Estimate of a rod of brick-work with all grey-stocks.	4500 grey-stocks, at 42s.....	9	9	0
	150 pecks of lime, 14s. per hundred.....	1	1	0
	300 pecks of sand, 5s. do.....	0	15	0
	5 days, a bricklayer, 5s.....	1	5	0
	5 days, a labourer, 3s.....	0	15	0
	Use of scaffolding.....	0	4	0
		£.13	9	0
Twenty per cent. profit.....		2	13	9½
		£.16	2	9½

Detail of a rod of brick-work, in which one-third place-bricks, one-third grey-stocks, and one-third second-marls, are used in fronts of houses, &c.

		£.	s.	d.
Estimate of a rod of brick-work, one-third place, one-third grey and one third second marl bricks.	1500 second-marls, at 84s. per thousand.....	6	6	0
	1500 place-bricks, 32s. do.....	2	8	0
	1500 grey-stocks, 42s. do.....	3	3	0
	150 pecks of lime, at 14s. per hundred.....	1	1	0
	300 pecks of sand, at 5s. do.....	0	15	0
	Average time of bricklayer, 6½ days, at 5s.....	1	12	6
	Do. of labour, 6½ days, at 3s.....	0	19	6
	Use of scaffolding, average per rod.....	0	4	0
		£.16	9	0
Twenty per cent. profit.....		3	5	5½
		£.19	14	5½

Detailed value of a rod of brick-work, in front walls, in which one-third best picked marl-stocks, and two-thirds best grey-stocks, are presumed to be used, and the work done in the best manner.

	£.	s.	d.	
1500 best <i>picked</i> marl-stocks, at £7. per thousand, delivered.....	10	10	0	Estimate of rod of brick- work, one- third best marls and two thirds stocks
3000 best <i>grey</i> -stocks, at 42s. do. do.	6	6	0	
150 pecks of lime, 14s. per hundred	1	1	0	
300 pecks of sand, at 5s. do., or per load.....	0	15	0	
6½ days, a bricklayer, at 5s. per day	1	12	6	
6½ days, a labourer, at 3s. per day	0	19	6	
Use of scaffolding, &c.	0	4	0	
	£. 21	8	0	
Twenty per cent. profit.....	4	5	7½	
	£. 25	13	7½	

Detailed value of a rod of brick-work, in which it is presumed the best picked marls are entirely used, to ascertain the value per foot cube, as a standard price for facings, performed in the very best manner.

	£.	s.	d.	
4500 best <i>picked</i> marls, at £7. per thousand.....	31	10	0	Estimate of a rod of brick- work, all best bricks.
150 pecks of lime, at 14s. per hundred.....	1	1	0	
300 pecks of sand, at 5s. do.....	0	15	0	
6½ days, a bricklayer, at 5s. per day.....	1	12	6	
6½ days, a labourer, at 3s. do.....	0	19	6	
Use of scaffolding, &c.....	0	4	0	
	£. 36	2	0	
Fifteen per cent. profit.....	5	8	3½	
	£. 41	10	3½	

<i>ft.</i>		£.	s.	d.		<i>ft.</i>
306	:	41	10	3½	:	1

Ans. 2s. 9d. per foot cube.

One shilling and four-pence halfpenny will therefore be the price for facings, reckoning the same at 6 inches thick, which will include headers and stretchers; and half that price, namely, 8½d. will be an equivalent for fronts faced with seconds, that is, per foot super, and 6 inches thick, being an average thickness, when front brick walls are measured, including all materials, as if built with place and grey-stocks, and with best picked marl facings, the latter quantities must be deducted from the former, if the foregoing prices are added for extra facings. And the same rules should be observed as regards all manner of superior facings, in order that the value of the materials may be progressively analysed. It will require nearly 4650 bricks to execute a rod of brick-work with marls; the price of the brick-work must, therefore, be proportioned to the difference, with the utmost exactness.

		s.	d.
Prices of facings when the common brick-work is deducted.	Fronts faced with the best picked marl-stocks, instead of grey-stocks, at per foot super, 6 inches thick, (the common brick-work, if taken, being first deducted therefrom,) in Flemish bond, as per preceding calculation	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. faced with second mails, do., common brick-work deducted	0	8 $\frac{1}{4}$

The following are the Average Prices of the Materials alluded to in the preceding and subsequent Prices.

		£.	s.	d.
Bricks delivered, per thousand.	Best marl stock-bricks, per thousand, delivered	6	10	0
	Seconds, do. do.	3	14	0
	Grey-stocks, do.	2	2	0
	Place-bricks, do.	1	12	0
	Marl-paviors, do.	3	0	0
	Red-rubbers, do.	4	17	0
	Do. from the Chalfont Kiln, do.	7	0	0
Fire-bricks, &c.	Fire-bricks, do.	7	17	0
	Paving-bricks, do.	3	2	0
	Kiln-burnt bricks, do.	2	18	0
	Welsh fire-bricks, do.	12	0	0
Tiles, &c. delivered, per thousand.	Pan-tiles, per thousand, do.	5	15	0
	Plain-tiles, do.	2	15	0
	Ridge-tiles, do.	6	0	0
	12-inch tiles, do.	17	0	0
	10-inch do. do.	13	0	0
	9-inch do. do.	10	10	0
	The best Dutch clinkers, do.	3	10	0
Allowances on garden-walls, &c.	When any of the before-mentioned common bricks, consisting of grey-stocks, &c. are converted into garden and boundary walls to prisons, &c., add 1d. per foot superficial for extra facings, but on <i>one side only</i> . And if the best Thames sand is required in party-walls, &c., add from 10s. to 12s. per rod to the respective prices, more or less, according to cartage; and, if sea-sand, in proportion.			
Thames sand.				
Circular walling; quick and flat curves.	Brick walls, which are circular on the plan, are worth rather more than those which are straight; from 10s. to 15s. per rod may, therefore, be added to the foregoing prices for circular works, but which additions should be proportioned to the quickness or flatness of the curvatures, sharp curves requiring greater attention and more labour, consequently better prices.			

Detailed value of a rod of brick-work, laid dry in cess-pools, &c.

	£.	s.	d.
Estimate of a 5000 place-bricks, at 32s. per thousand, delivered	2	0	0
rod of dry 3 days, a bricklayer, at 5s. per day	0	15	0
brick-work, in 3 days, a labourer, at 3s. do.	0	9	0
cess-pools, &c.	£.9	4	0
Twenty per cent. profit	1	16	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£.11	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$

It is usual to measure the common sorts of ovens and coppers as solid works, sometimes to deduct the ash-holes; and the custom cannot be considered inconsistent, taking into consideration the extra labour about such works; the dimensions should be taken as cubic, and the product multiplied by 8, and divided by 9, to bring them into reduced brick-work; but ovens and boilers of large dimensions should be valued by detailed measurements.

Detailed value of a rod of brick-work, executed in good Roman cement mortar; that is, one half clean sharp sand, the other half pure cement.

	£.	s.	d.	
4500 picked sound grey stock-bricks, at £2. 5s. per thousand....	10	2	6	Estimate of a rod of brick-work in Roman cement.
68 bushels of cement, at 3s. 6d.....	11	18	0	
68 bushels of clean drift-sand at 4d.	1	2	8	
6½ days, a bricklayer, at 5s.	1	12	6	
6½ days, a labourer, at 3s.	0	19	6	
Use of scaffolding.....	0	4	0	
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	£.25	19	2	
Fifteen per cent. profit.....	3	17	10	
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	£.29	17	0	
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Good sound bricks, set in cement, including profit, is worth 1s. 11¼d. per foot cube. At per foot cube.

Detailed value of a rod of brick-work in garden-walls and prison boundary-walls, finished with neat flat joints on both sides, one side battering.

	£.	s.	d.	
4500 picked sound grey stock-bricks, at 4s. per thousand.....	10	2	6	Estimate of a brick-work in garden and prison walls.
150 pecks of lime, at 14s. per hundred.....	1	1	0	
300 pecks of sand, or 3 loads, at 5s.	0	15	0	
6 days, a bricklayer, at 5s.	1	10	0	
6 days, a labourer, at 3s.	0	18	0	
272 superficial feet for extra facings, at 1d.	1	2	8	
Use of scaffolding.....	0	4	0	
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	£.15	13	2	
Twenty per cent. profit.....	3	9	7½	
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	£.18	15	9½	
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Taking down old brick-work should be charged as day-work; as likewise the cleaning of the bricks, and the removal of rubbish. And with regard to the old bricks, if they are sound and good, they should be given credit for, according to their qualities; and if worked up again, the work per rod should be charged in the same ratio that the bricks have been given credit for, with fair profits thereon.

If the entire of the walls are measured as common brick-work, the subsequent charges may be made for extra facings, but always with reference to the value of the bricks and neatness of work.

		s.	d.
Extra facings, but with reference to the preceding calculations.	Extra facings, with best picked marls, per foot super.....	0	9
	Do. with best picked seconds, do.....	0	6
	Do. with best picked grey-stocks.....	0	2
	Do. do. to circular work, do. extra.....	0	2½
	Do. do. to sharp curves, do. do.....	0	3

ON GAUGED ARCHES.

On gauged arches, &c.

RUBBED or gauged arches are either set in putty, or very fine mortar, and are generally measured by the foot superficial, and valued according to the worth of the materials and neatness of workmanship, as likewise cornices, niches, &c.

		s.	d.
Prices of gauged arches, cornices, &c.	Semi-circular and cambered arches, formed with the best marl-bricks, and set in putty, per foot super.....	3	0
	Elliptical do.....	3	4
	Cornices, set in putty.....	3	6
	Semi-circular bodies to niches.....	4	0
	Do. to the crowns thereof.....	8	0

Customs in measuring, &c.

Arches taken out and repaired with new bricks should be charged in day-work.

It is customary to include all manner of rubbed and gauged works in the admeasurements of the common work, and subsequently to measure the rubbed and gauged works, which, with reference to the extra trouble in cutting and closing up to the arches, &c. is a very rational custom, and ought to be, on all occasions, complied with.

Value of party-walls, as adverted to in the Building-Act, 14th of Geo. III.

In the Act of Parliament, passed in the 14th Geo. III., for the regulation of buildings within the Bills of Mortality, it was enacted, that when it should become necessary to erect party-walls, &c. that the expenses thereof should be paid in equal portions by the persons mutually interested, at and after the rate of £7. 15s. per rod, making certain allowances for old bricks, &c. At the time the Act passed, the average prices of brick-work were £7. 15s. per rod; but since that period the value of labour and materials have doubled, and, in consequence thereof, it is now customary for *two* surveyors, *one* chosen by each party, to determine the value, whose arbitruments (*if they agree*) are final and conclusive.—*Vide the Building-Act, an Appendix to this Work.*

The value settled by two surveyors.

ON DRAINS.

On the valuation of drains and sewers.

THE value of drains and sewers should be ascertained by their solid contents, and reduced to the standard thickness; but if charged by the foot running measure, the exact quantities of the materials should be ascertained in each running foot: under these circumstances, we are of opinion, the method first recommended is the best. Small drains, however, may be safely charged by the foot running, as the quantities can be easily ascertained.

	s.	d.	
9-inch gun-barrelled drains in half a brick, per foot run	1	6	Gun drains.
12-in. do.	2	0	
15-in. do.	2	6	
15-in. gun-barrelled drains, in one brick, per foot run.....	5	3	Larger do.
18-in. do.	5	10	
24-in. do.	9	7	
30-in. do.	11	4	
36-in. do.	13	1	
Small drains, with pan-tile bottoms, 2-course high, half-brick thick, and covered with bricks, at per foot run	1	0	Small drains.
Do. 9-in. wide, 3-course, in half-brick, paved, and arched over	1	6	
Do. 12-in. wide	1	9	

The digging to drains and sewers should be charged at per yard cube, comprising 27 cubic feet; and the moveable centerings should also be charged as extras. Digging for drains.

To find the contents of gun-barrel drains per foot run, add the exterior and interior circumferences together, and take half their products as mean proportionals; then multiply each of those products by *one* foot, and likewise the thicknesses of the drains, and you will obtain the cubical contents of one foot run of each drain; which, multiplied by the cubical value of one foot of brick-work, will yield the true value per foot running measure, or reduce the entire into rods. To find the value of gun drains.

	s.	d.	
Sound stock-bricks, built edgeways, quarters included	2	0	Brick-nogging per yard.
Do. built flat, do.	3	7	
Common place-bricks, built edgeways, do.	1	7	
Do. built flat, do.	2	10	
Dutch bricks, or clinkers, laid on edge, per yard	15	4	Brick paving, flat and edge, per yard.
Do. laid diagonally.....	16	4	
Marl paviers, laid flat in sand.....	3	4	
Do. on edge in do.	5	10	
Do. laid flat in mortar.....	3	8	
Paving-bricks, laid flat in sand.....	3	5	
Do. on edge in do.....	7	4	
Do. flat in mortar.....	3	9	
Do. on edge in do.....	7	9	
Common hard stock paving, laid flat in sand, per yard.....	2	6	Common paving, per yard.
Do. on edge in do.....	4	3	
Do. flat in mortar.....	2	10	
Do. on edge in do.....	4	8	
12-inch tiles, per foot super.....	0	8	12-inch Tiles.
10-in. do. do.....	0	7	

Observe.—The above prices have been ascertained by references to the preceding prime costs, including profit, with labour and mortar; also to the calculations specifying the given quantities, requisite to perform given superficies: the prices, therefore, will be found to vary accordingly.

ON POINTING.

On the qualities of pointing.

POINTING is performed by filling-up the joints between the bricks on the external surfaces of walls after they are built. The cements used for the purpose are of various descriptions; and, if properly applied, and the work is executed with masterly neatness, it not only protects the walls, by preventing the wet insinuating into the cores, but likewise produces the most pleasing effect. The most useful sort of pointing is that which is called *flat joint*, if the mortar is prepared with Roman cement, and carefully executed, to present neat horizontal and vertical *flat joints*; the latter will convey the water to the external surfaces, and by these means produce the beneficial effects intended. Tuck-pointing is also much in fashion, and, immediately after it is finished, it produces an agreeable effect: it is performed with fine mortar, which is inserted in the joints, with regular projections, neatly pared in parallel breadths; the latter description of pointing has not any thing to recommend it except its neatness: it is calculated to injure the walls, by a cause which must be obvious to the curious and attentive observer.

Flat joint.
Romancement mortar.
Tuck-pointing, pleasing effect, nothing to recommend it; calculated to injure walls.

Pointing, per foot super; all openings deducted.

	s.	d.
Flat-joint pointing with prepared Roman cement mortar	0	5
Do. in coal-ash mortar to fronts, &c.	0	8½
Do. in garden and fence walls	0	2
Tuck-pointing to new fronts	0	5
Do. to old fronts, with cleaning and colouring	0	7½

ON PLAIN-TILING.

Observations upon measuring plain tiling, &c.; how to measure.

Double courses, Dripping-eaves, Hips and valleys, uniformly in labour, same description of work.

As this sort of covering is very common, it is deemed necessary to make a few observations thereon. In plain-tiling coverings, as the lengths of the rafters are generally equal to three-quarters of the breadths of the buildings, the surfaces of the roofs will be, or should be, equal to the superficial contents of the spaces the buildings occupy, *and one-half more*; and this being remembered, it will sometimes save trouble, that is, in the operations of measuring. In these sorts of works, allowances also should be made for the double courses to the dripping-eaves, of at least six inches, and four inches for those which are not. All manner of openings should be deducted, and suitable allowances made for hips and valleys; for wherever workmen are hindered from proceeding uniformly in their labour, so as to require greater portions of time to perform the same descriptions of works, the persons so employed ought in justice to be paid in proportion thereto.

Estimate of a Square of Plain-tiling, reckoning the prime Cost of Materials at the preceding Rates.

	£.	s.	d.
Plain-tiling, 600 plain-tiles, at 6s. 10½d. per hundred	2	1	3
1 bundle of the best laths	0	5	7
Nails and pins	0	1	6
5 hods of mortar	0	2	6
Labour	0	8	0
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The above prices include the profit which is included in the materials.

	£.	s.	d.	
New plain tiling, as per calculation, but with heart-of-oak laths.....	2	18	10	Plain tiling.
Old plain tiling, ripped and relaid upon new laths, finding new tiles where required, from 20s. to 25s. and 30s. per square; the price will entirely depend upon the state of the old tiling, &c.				Ripping roofs, and repairing with plain tiles, &c.
The cuttings to hips, ridges, and valleys, in plain tiling, should be charged at 4d. or 5d. per foot run, or allowances made in the admeasurements.				Cuttings to ridges and valleys, &c.
Similar allowances should also be made, where there is any extra time consumed, not accounted for in the prices per square.				Extra time not accounted for.
<i>If the ridge-tiles are secured with painted T nails, they should be charged at 3d. each, and hip-hooks at 15d. each.</i>				
The price of plain tiling will always depend upon the facilities with which the tiles can be procured, and the consequent extra charges.				Value of tiling, how to be determined.

ON PAN-TILING.

This description of covering is much cheaper than any other used about the metropolis; the roofs, where they are introduced, not requiring elevations more than *one-third* of their spans. The greatest objection to pan-tiles is their colour; but, if painted with Wilkinson's *blue* Anti-corrosion paint, it will produce upon them the most pleasing and agreeable effect; nor will plain tiles be much inferior to slates in appearance, when treated in the same manner. The paint adverted to is sold at No. 63, Upper Thames Street, London, and sent to all parts of the *United Kingdom*, in small casks of 100 pounds each, at 54s. per cask.

Estimate of a Square of Pan-tiling.

	£.	s.	d.	
180 Pan-tiles, at 14s. 4½d. per hundred	1	5	10½	Pan-tiling, per square.
1 bundle of laths.....	0	6	0	
120 nails.....	0	0	6	
Labour	0	4	0	
	£1	16	4½	

The above price includes the profit, which is incorporated in the prime cost of the materials, as also the mortar for hips and ridges, &c.

New pan-tiling, laid dry, including hips, ridges, and mortar to do. . .	1	16	4½	Average prices of pan-tiling.
New pan-tiling, bedded and pointed outside, with lime and hair....	2	4	0	
Do. bedded and pointed, inside and outside.....	2	7	0	
Pan-tiling ripped, new lathed, and tiled with old tiles, and laid dry..	0	14	0	Old and new.
Do. bedded and pointed in lime and hair, and pointed outside.....	1	0	0	Bedded.
Pointing pan-tiling inside.....	0	7	0	Pointing.
Do. outside only	0	6	0	
Glazed blue pan-tiling laid dry, including hips and ridges in mortar, from 50s. to 55s. per square.				Glazed tiles.
Hip-hooks, 15d. each; T nails, 3d. each.				Hip-hooks, &c.

CUTTINGS TO BRICK-WORK, &c.

	s.	d.	
Cut splays in brick-work, at per foot run.....	0	4	Cuttings of brick-work,
Do. bird's-mouths, do.....	0	4½	per foot run

		s.	d.
Cuttings to rakes, per foot run	Cuttings to 18-inch rakes, at per foot run.....	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. to 14-in. do. do.....	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Do. to 9-in. do. do.....	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
To ramps.	Cuttings to 18-in. ramps, do.....	0	10
	Do. to 14-in. do. do.....	0	8
	Do. to 9-in. do. do.....	0	6
Tile-coping.	Cuttings to points of groined arches, rubbed, per foot run.....	0	8
	Foot-tile coping, do.	0	10
	Ten-inch tile do.	0	8
Tile-creasing.	Brick on edge, and double plain tile creasing, do.	1	1
	Do. in Roman cement, do.	1	8
	Double plain-tile creasing, do. in common mortar.....	0	6
	$\frac{1}{4}$ -brick sailing courses, do.	0	2
	Do. two courses, do.....	0	3
Chimney-pots.	Do. three courses, do.....	0	4
	First sized chimney-pots fixed, each	7	6
	Second do. do.,	6	6
Door and sash- frames.	Third do. do.	5	6
	Door and sash-frames bedded and pointed in mortar, each	1	6
	Large sized do.....	2	0
Cuttings and groins, &c.	Trimmers to chimnies in half a brick, per foot super.....	0	7
	In measuring brick-work, the cuttings of every description should be collected, and classed in the charges, according to their difficulties of workmanship.		
	Red returns, one course a stretcher, the other a header, &c., per foot run	0	8

Observe, that in measuring *groined* brick-work, the proper method to take the dimensions is, first to include all the apertures, and subsequently to deduct the same, and to add all the cuttings to the points of the arches.

AVERAGE PRICES.

OF

MASTER-BRICKLAYERS

FOR

DAY-WORK IN LONDON.

		£.	s.	d.
Bricklayers and labourers wages in- London.	Bricklayer, from the 9th November to the 25th March ensuing, per day	0	5	8
	Labourer, do., per day.....	0	3	4
	Bricklayer, from the 25th March to the 9th November ensuing, per day	0	6	0
	Labourer, do., per day.....	0	3	6
	Bricklayer, employed in oven-work, &c., per day.....	0	8	6
Retail price for bricks.	Common place-bricks, per hundred	0	4	0
	Gray-stocks, do.....	0	5	2

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	£.	s.	d.	
Best marls, per hundred	0	16	3	Retail price for bricks.
Seconds, do.....	0	9	1	
Marl paviers, do.....	0	7	6	
Red-rubbers, do.	0	12	0	Red-bricks, &c.
Do. from the Chalfont-Kiln, do.....	0	17	6	
Fire-bricks, do.....	0	18	9	
Paving-bricks, do.	0	7	8	
Kiln-burnt bricks, do.....	0	7	2½	
Welsh fire-bricks, do.....	1	10	0	
Pan-tiles, per hundred	0	14	4½	Tiles, ridge- tiles, &c.
Plain-tiles, do.....	0	6	10½	
Ridge-tiles, do.....	0	15	0	
12-inch tiles, do.....	2	2	6	
10-inch do. do.....	1	12	6	
9-inch do. do.....	1	6	3	
Dutch clinkers, do.....	0	8	10	Clinkers.
Best Chalfont oven-tiles, 12-inches square, 3-inches thick, do.....	6	11	3	
Welsh fire-lumps, 16-inches long, each.....	0	3	9	Welsh fire- lumps.
Do. 18-in. do.....	0	4	4	
Do. 20-in. do.....	0	5	0	
Do. 22-in. do.....	0	6	3	
Do. 24-in. do.....	0	7	6	
Do. 28-in. do.....	0	8	9	
Do. 30-in. do.	0	10	0	
Do. 33-in. do.....	0	11	3	
Do. 36-in. do.....	0	12	6	
Lime, per hundred.....	0	15	7	Lime, cement, &c.
Do. by the bushel.....	0	0	8	
Flame-burnt do., per hundred.....	1	0	0	
Dorking lime, do.	1	8	9	
Dutch Terras, per bushel	0	6	3	
Roman cement, do.....	0	4	6	
Single loads of sand, or yard cube	0	6	3	Sand.
Double do. do.....	0	12	6	
Windsor loam, per bushel.....	0	2	4	
Pan-tile laths, 12 feet long, per bundle	0	6	0	Laths.
Do. 10-feet do.....	0	5	7	
Oak laths, per bundle.....	0	6	7	
Best double-fir laths, for tiling, do.....	0	5	7	
Do. per load, for 30 bundles.....	8	2	6	
First size chimney-pots, each	0	5	0	Chimney-pots.
Second do. do.....	0	3	9	
Third do. do.....	0	3	2	
Fourth do. do... ..	0	2	6	
Bracket pots, do.....	0	10	0	
Hovel armed do.....	0	8	5	
Plain hovel do.....	0	6	3	

		£.	s.	d.
Chimney-pots.	Plain arm pots, each	0	5	7
	Do. caps, each.....	0	3	6
	Large size pots, with cowls, or tin veer-about.....	1	2	0
	Load of mortar.....	0	17	6
Retail prices for mortar, &c.	Hod of mortar.....	0	0	6
	Lime and hair, per load.....	1	6	0
	Hod of do.	0	0	9
	Hod of fine-stuff.....	0	1	6
	Hod of white pointing mortar.....	0	2	3
	Hod of blue mortar.....	0	2	0
	T nails for hips and ridges	0	0	2
	Hip-hooks and nails, each.....	0	1	4
	Carting away single loads of rubbish	0	3	6
	Double do.....	0	7	0
End of the day-prices.	Tile-heads, per basket.....	0	0	10
	Ozier baskets.....	0	1	8

ON DIGGERS' WORK.

Average wages of labourers in the United Kingdom. The price of digging is ascertained by the yard cube, containing 27 cubic feet, the value of which will, in a great measure, depend upon the local wages of labourers. In some parts of the kingdom, they are not paid more than 10*d.* per day; in London, the average may be taken at 3*s.*, and in most country places at 18*d.*; the general average may therefore be taken at 1*s.* 9*d.* or 2*s.*, and with reference to such wages, the subsequent prices have been considered; but the intrinsic value of digging, in all cases, will depend upon the nature of the soil, or earth, to be dug out and removed. If the earth be light and loamy, the price should be moderate; if a stiff clay, in proportion to the *extra* labour; and, if the earth or rubbish to be dug out and carried away, consists of burrs of brick-work in old foundations, intersected with drains, sewers, cess-pools, and bog-holes, the prices for digging, removing, and carting away, should be regulated accordingly; in fact, it is hardly possible to say what digging is worth under such circumstances: at any rate, 3*s.* 6*d.* per yard will not be too much, and, perhaps, 4*s.* would be nearer the mark.

		s.	d.
Prices of digging in London.	Digging and throwing out in foundations, per yard	0	7
	If gravel or clay, do.....	0	9
General prices of digging, &c.	Digging and levelling round foundations, do.....	1	1
	Digging and wheeling to the distance of 25 yards, do.....	1	6
	If to a greater distance, in proportion.		
Carting, &c. 1000 yards distance.	Carting per yard, to the distance of 500 yards, do.....	3	0
	Do. if to the distance of 1000 yards, or thereabouts.....	4	0
Well-digging, per foot running.	The price of well-digging also depends upon the qualities of the soil, nor is it possible to say, in many situations, what the worth will be at per foot, running measure; the exact prime costs, in these cases, should be kept to the end, that equitable prices may be apportioned.		

	s.	d.	
Wells, about 10 feet deep, and 4 feet in the clear, digging and steining			Prices of well-
the same, exclusive of materials, at per foot run.....	3	3	digging.
Do. with all materials to the depths of 20, 25, and 30 feet, do.....	4	9	Do. according
From 30 to 50 feet, do.	6	0	to the depths.
And for every 20 feet extra in depths may be added, 1s. 3d. per foot			
'run to the last price, and afterwards proportionately.			
27 cubic feet of earth is a single load.			
54 do. is a double load.			

A cubic yard of gravel, containing 18 bushels in the pit, when dug, will increase Gravel.
in bulk nearly one-half, and produces about 27 bushels.

18 Cubic feet is estimated to be one ton of soil, and 45 cubic feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons; and Soil.
the soil-carts, employed to convey the same away, will hold the latter quan- Carting away,
tity; sizes 6 feet long, 3 feet 6 inches wide, and 2 feet 6 inches deep. &c.

The subsequent are the average Prices of Digging in DUBLIN.

Digging and throwing out, per cubic yard, from 4d. to 6d. and 8d.	Prices of dig-
Digging and wheeling away about 20 or 30 yards, from 1s. to 1s. 2d. and 1s. 4d.	ging in Dublin.
per yard.	
Wells dug, at per foot run, 3 feet 9 inches diameter:—	

	s.	d.	
First 20 feet, per foot	3	3	Wells.
Do. next 10 feet, do.....	4	4	
Do. next 10 feet, do.....	5	5	
And for every extra 10 feet, in proportion.			

In rock-work, from 20s. to 40s. for every foot run in depth, finding gun-pow- Rock-work,
der; and all the materials laid down contiguous to the mouth of the well. gunpowder,
&c.

Observe,—For the last mentioned price, the well-digger provides all his own
implements.

The following are the prices, where the employer finds all the implements:

	s.	d.	
For the first 10 feet, per foot run.....	2	2	Employer
For the second do. per do.....	2	$8\frac{1}{2}$	finding all ma-
And to increase $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. per foot for every 10 feet deeper; and for every cubic foot			terials.
of rock-work after the same ratio, in reference to the before mentioned			Increase of
prices of 20s. and 40s.			prices.

DUTIES ON BRICKS.

As the prices of bricks are, in certain degrees, regulated by the duties im- Parliamentary
posed, from time to time, by Parliament, it will be requisite, on all occasions, to duties on
be aware of what those duties are. During the periods of moulding, excise- bricks.
officers are bound to take exact accounts of the quantities prepared for burning, Moulding of
in order that master-brick and tile-makers may be charged after the following bricks and
rates: that is, tiles.

	£.	s.	d.	
For every thousand bricks, not being more than 10 inches long, 5 in-				The duties on
ches wide, and 3 inches thick, the sum of	0	5	10	bricks and
If they exceed the above sizes.....	0	10	0	tiles.
And, if smoothed on one side, and not more than 10 inches long, and				
5 inches wide.....	0	12	0	

	£.	s.	d.
If exceeding the aforesaid sizes.....	1	4	2
Pan and plain tiles. Ridge and pan-tiles, per thousand.....	0	12	10
Plain tiles, do.	0	5	8
Paving tiles, not more than 10 inches square, do.	1	4	2
Do. more than 10 inches, do.	2	8	4
And do. for tiles of every description not in the above list, do.	1	8	4

ON RIVER AND SEA SAND, &c.

River and rivulet sand.	QUICK River Sand is of that species which is collected in rivers where the streams are very rapid, as in the rivers <i>Trent</i> and <i>Severn</i> , in England; and the <i>Shannon</i> , &c. in Ireland: it is also to be found in rivulets connected with land-
River sand connected with the sea is of the latter sort, washed up by the tides.	drains and sewers contiguous to public roads, from whence the <i>granule</i> (small grain, or grains of accumulated sand) is conveyed and deposited after showers of rain, which, being cleansed by the quickness or rapidity of the running stream, subsequently becomes an article of commerce, great interest, and value to the mason, bricklayer, and plasterer, as well as in assisting to make various sorts of cement, fit for the purpose of building strong walls, and finishing all manner of
Sand, an article of commerce.	plasterers' work, where pit, land, or other sand, is not deemed absolutely necessary; but which is the case in the interior of our habitations, where the finer
Pit and land for plasterers.	sort is indispensably requisite, for mortar to be used about ornamental plastering, in order to produce those smooth and pleasing effects so desirable, where comfort and good taste prevail.
Without good sand, plasterers cannot make good mortar.	For the inside-works of our houses, &c., the major part of the plaster, or mortar, requires to be made and compounded, as above observed, with choice fine pit or other sand, of suitable qualities, free from slime, mud, or other imperfections; and upon this subject we need not say more than recommend to plasterers to obtain the best sort of sand from those pits, or rivulets, which are held in the highest reputation.
The river Thames sand; its qualities, and approval by architects, &c.	The river Thames sand, from above bridge, about Fulham and Putney, has been for many years considered by our London architects, surveyors, and builders, as the best about the metropolis; and we admit the sand so taken thereabout to be of an excellent quality; but, from its being intermixed with cockle-shells, mud, rubbish, &c., it requires much filtering, and considerable labour, before it is fit and proper to be incorporated with slaked lime, intended for good binding mortar.
Fine clean sand; how procured; manner it is made.	The best, and perhaps the most desirable, sand which can be required for very choice purposes, is that species which may, at intervals, be procured in narrow, quick running mill-streams, or others of the same description, which are frequently contiguous to mountains, or to great public roads, where the gravel in the gross has been pulverized by carriage-wheels, and which has undergone further pulverization by being subsequently ground to the <i>standard</i> size of grains of sand fit for building purposes; which, being afterwards conveyed by open
Drains to the stream.	drains to the running-stream, presently becomes purified from all manner of filth, and thereby rendered immediately fit for use.

The sand accumulated in large rivers, such as the Thames, and many others that could be mentioned, consists of such river-sand as before described, as well as of large portions of sea-sand, which, being washed backward and forward by the influx and reflux of the tides, consists of two sorts; that is, of quick river-sand and sea-sand, which, being incorporated, renders the particles, *in mass*, a complete body of two species of sand; one sort created by the revolving of the flint-stones at the bottom of the sea, and the other sort the pulverized flint and gravel stones made into sand, on our public highways, by carriage-wheels running over them, and which, being subsequently washed into rivers by showers of rain, ultimately come in contact with the sea-sand; so that, in fact, the sand taken out of our great rivers connected with the sea, consists of two sorts; but the sand procured on the coast is pure sea sand, washed on the shore by that great and powerful element, on the banks of which it can, at all times, be procured for building purposes; and, when exposed to the atmosphere, washed by the rain-water, and purified by the exhalations of the sun's heat, the surface of it is cleansed from all manner of *saline* particles, and the entire body, within a very short period, rendered fit for use.

Road Stuff, about the metropolis, is also used in large quantities for making common building-mortar, and, from the want of a better substitute, it has, in some degree, received the concurring sanction and approbation of professional builders; but, for ourselves, we do not approve of this material, which is compounded not only of mud, but of all manner of filth, which certainly cannot benefit or improve the mortar with which it is mixed, but must, on the contrary, help to impoverish it: for speculators it may answer the purpose, as being the cheapest substitute for river or sea sand. The stuff here alluded to is used, not only about the metropolis, but also in other great towns, without regard to quality; and for it, we believe, the Commissioners of the Turnpike-roads charge a high price, per load, being little short of the full value of the best quick river sand, or of the purest bleached sea sand; the latter of which may be procured, in large quantities, at short notices, from any of the great sea-port towns in England, Ireland, and Scotland. From what has been stated upon this part of our subject, it would seem that our flint-gravel is bought by the public in bulk, to mend our roads; and, subsequently, retailed in small quantities, in a state of pulverization, after it is raked together by the parish-labourers, or the servants of public road-makers, to make mortar.

We applaud the economy and commercial conduct of the Commissioners above mentioned, but cannot allow that the heterogeneous matter retailed by them to our builders, for making mortar, is the matter best adapted to such a purpose. We are aware of public prejudice; but, in this age of improvement, sincerely hope, for the honour of the Building profession, that, 'ere long, no other than the best material that can be used for incorporating slaked lime, and for making mortar, will be introduced into the metropolis by the entire body of our respectable and intelligent builders: this will, at once, supersede and remove the necessity of their being reduced to purchase a very inferior and improper substitute for sand, at present too frequently introduced by them into building-mortar, which is calculated not only to depreciate property, but to bring buildings, when erected, into disrepute.

river and sea sand; how it comes in contact.

Sea sand, how produced.

Sand made on turnpike-roads.

Sand out of great rivers.

Sea sand properly treated, fit for immediate use.

Turnpike-road stuff.

Builder's approval.

Mud and all manner of filth.

Commissioners of turnpikes.

Sea sand, at short notice.

Gravel

Parish-labourers.

Good sea-sand to be introduced, to supersede the use of road-stuff.

Suggestions to
builders.

Much more might be advanced on this subject, but being convinced that sufficient has been suggested to the speculative mind, as to the measures which should be adopted, in order to produce a *mart* for building-sand, we shall leave the rest to be accomplished by those, whose interest and whose business it is to carry such a plan into execution.

Erroneous
opinions of
professional
men on sea-
sand.

An erroneous opinion, we are thoroughly convinced, has hitherto prevailed with professional men respecting sea-sand, the quality of which is not generally known to our brethren in the metropolis: in these enlightened days, therefore, let us hope that mistaken notions and prejudices may be removed; that we may henceforth listen to the voice of reason and truth; and at once, according to the practice of some other places, adopt the use of sea-sand in all our buildings, whether public or private, being first satisfied of the propriety of so doing. In order to be consistent, let us investigate the subject, as other men have done before us, that we may ascertain the truth. It is difficult to contend against public prejudice in a great city, or in any place; but where the principle and doctrine of truth can be maintained, she will always bear the sway and ultimately triumph over the despotic influence of prejudice, to suit whose baleful principles, sinister purposes are frequently adhered to, against the consciences of men, who are sometimes weak enough to flatter themselves they can eclipse, by throwing the veil over the bright and shining influence of truth; the brilliant effect of which cannot be subdued by the artful sophistications of subtle and ingenious men, who, in the course of their professions, are frequently employed for the express purpose of perverting the truth, and corrupting the natural course of justice.

Public preju-
dice difficult
to overcome.

On the crys-
tallized bodies
to be found in
sand.

Collected bodies of pure building-sand, of each description mentioned, consists of innumerable particles of impenetrable and crystallized bodies, which being collected and put together in masses, may very truly be said to consist of myriads of component fractional parts of larger bodies, chipped off, separated, or formed, out of pulverized materials, in the manner before described; each *granule*, or small grain, being, as we know, an irregular prismatic solid, of course not any two parts of such collected materials can be, as we apprehend, known to correspond; consequently, when such materials are incorporated with slaked lime or cement, they will naturally contribute to dovetail and unite the cement in concreted masses, forming entire bodies. Sand, therefore, which is compounded of broken gravel, flints, or flint-glass, will possess the most knitting and binding qualities, and especially if mixed up soon after the particles have been fractured, and further reduced to the sized grains of sand required for building; for as their sharp edges will then be acute, their adhesive properties will then be more susceptible of adhesion; which, being the case, should be immediately introduced into the slaked lime, if ready, for the incorporation of the proportioned admixtures of sand, on the most perfect quality of which will depend, in a great measure, the quality of the cement.

Sand should be
incorporated
when most
alive.

Is sea-sand im-
pregnated with
salt-water?

Having now, as we conceive, discharged our duty, by explaining the different qualities or particles of sand, let us ascertain, if possible, by the co-operative power of theory and practice, if sea-sand is, or can be, impregnated with sea or salt-water. It has been proved, over and over again, that sea-sand is a crystallized body, possessing precisely the same quality of material as our common

flint bottles, which are used for wine, &c. The truth and fact is, that sea-sand consists of nothing else but particles or grains of flint-stones, the chippings of large ones, known to be at the bottom of the sea, which, from the perpetual motion, action, and re-action, of that powerful element, occasion an infinity of particles of such chippings to be continually floating in the water, which, in the course of time, and by degrees, are lodged on the banks of the sea-shore, where it accumulates, and may be obtained, in prodigious quantities.

To ascertain, by experiment, whether sea-sand be impregnated with salt, the first step to be taken is, to procure a small quantity which has been collected from the sea-side, bleached, and subsequently exposed to the rain, and perfectly dried in the sun; and in this state it should be put into a saucepan, containing fresh water, and boiled, and if the water should turn out to be brackish, it will be proof that the sand is impregnated with salt; but as the experiment has been repeatedly tried by men of experience, we feel authorised to state, by the information received, that the prejudice entertained by many persons against sea-sand is altogether unfounded. In order to satisfy those who may be anxious to ascertain the truth, we beg leave to refer them to Mr. Peto, of Little-Britain, whose extensive experience, as regards sea-sand, has been derived from building the great hospital, at North Yarmouth, for government, under Mr. Pilkington, the architect, at which place no other than sea-sand was used in compounding the mortar. But, if it were necessary, we could prove, by innumerable witnesses, where sea-sand has been used, for time immemorial, with effect, and where the mortar is of the most unexceptionable quality: but, for the present, as an uncontrovertible document, and verification of what has been stated, we beg to submit, for the information of our friends, the subsequent certificate of builders, of the very highest respectability in the town of Brighton, who, together with Mr. Peto, and Mr. George Smith, an eminent surveyor, have ratified the same, by a similar opinion, in the most solemn manner.

Sea-sand same quality as flint-bottles.

Sea-sand, chippings of flints.

How to prove the virtue of sea-sand.

Prejudice against it unfounded.

The opinion of Mr. Peto, an experienced builder, in favour of it.

Sea-sand has been used for centuries.

Mr. G. Smith, surveyor of the Mercer's Company.

" BRIGHTON, Jan. 22, 1825.

We, whose names are undersigned, do give it as our opinion, from many years experience, that a wall built with sea-sand, is much stronger than one built with land-sand.

Certificate from surveyors at Brighton.

RICHARD PATCHING, Sen., Bricklayer, above 50 Years.

RICHARD PATCHING, Jun., Do., above 35 Years.

ROBERT ACKERSON, Town-Surveyor and Bricklayer, above 50 Years.

Builders and surveyors.

CORNELIUS SHRIVELL, Sen., Bricklayer, above 36 Years.

THOMAS HARMAN, Sen., Town-Surveyor and Bricklayer, above 50 Years.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, Surveyor and Builder, above 40 Years.

We have, likewise, the opinion of Mr. Leggat, an eminent surveyor and builder, at Brighton, on this subject, who, in confirmation of sea-sand being preferable to pit or any other, hath declared, under the most solemn obligation, that during the forty-eight years he had been in business, at Brighton, he had always used and recommended sea-sand for making mortar, in preference to any other; that the house he lived in was built with mortar, consisting of lime, coal-ashes, and sea-sand; that he had built many in the town in like manner.

The opinion of Mr. Leggat, of Brighton.

Continuation of Mr. Leggat's opinion. that he never felt any inconvenience from damp, or the appearance of it; but that his opinion had always been, that walls built with mortar, composed of coal-ashes, lime, and sea-sand, did not dry quite so fast as those built with land-sand and lime, but that the former dried *harder* and *better*; and that when it became necessary to pull down walls built with lime, coal-ashes, sea-sand, and bricks or stone, it required double the labour to what it did to pull down walls built with mortar, made of lime, with land or any other sand. And, furthermore, that if he was required to build a prison similar to Newgate, where strength and durability were required, that he would use sea-sand in the mortar in preference to any; and in this opinion Mr. Peto, before-named, has also concurred, who likewise declared, at the meeting alluded to, that if he could procure sea-sand as easy as any other, he would use nothing else but lime, sea-sand, and coal-ashes, in making mortar for the numerous works he was then engaged in, or for which he might engage hereafter.

Land-sand.

The opinion of Mr. Peto, an eminent builder.

On the various opinions respecting sea-sand.

The opinions of Messrs. Higgins, Laing, and Gill.

Price of sea-sand. Method of preparing it for use.

As various opinions on this subject have been entertained by Architects, Surveyors, and Professional Builders, &c., we have spared no pains whatever to arrive at the truth, and feel happy to inform our friends, so far as we have hitherto been able to form an estimate of public opinion, that sea-sand will soon and once again be considered, in the metropolis, as the most fit and proper sand, to be incorporated with lime and coal-ashes, for the purpose of making mortar for building walls equal in strength to any that can be found in the public buildings on the coast of England, Ireland, Scotland, or in any part of the world.

We have also obtained the joint opinion of Messrs. Higgins, Laing, and Gill, architects and surveyors, upon the quality of work performed with mortar made with sea-sand, which they have declared to be performed in a workmanlike manner, and with good materials; this corresponds with the sentiments and opinion of Mr. Peto, and Mr. George Smith, before-named, as also with Mr. Leggat's, and the gentlemen whose names are subscribed to the before-mentioned certificate; all which we consider excellent proof of the efficacy of sea-sand being, not only good, but an *essential* article to be incorporated with lime and coal-ashes, to make unexceptionable mortar: and, if it were requisite, we could obtain certificates to the same effect from all the builders on the sea-coast, bearing testimony that sea-sand is better than any other, as part of an *essential* compound to make the best mortar or cement that can be required for building good substantial walls.

The price of sea-sand, as retailed on the coast, is 4s. per load, which is about the same price as other sand. It is collected in the summer season, and laid out to dry in large open yards, exposed to the weather, whence it is taken, either by the builders, or carriers employed for that purpose, as it is wanted. It has been insinuated, and attempted to be proved, by illiterate and improper persons not worthy of belief, that builders near the sea-shore draw the sand dripping wet from the banks, and mix it in that state with the lime, than which nothing can be more absurd, as it would be impossible to make mortar with sand in that state: the insinuation, therefore, refutes itself, and is its own reward.

ON MASONS' OR STONE-CUTTERS' WORKS, IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND.

It has already been noticed, that Masons, or Stone-cutters, as they are most ^{London and Country} properly called in many parts of the kingdom, are identified in London as Masons ^{Masons.} only; and, in several parts, they are recognized also as Bricklayers, and are employed in building brick and common stone walls; but Masons, or scientific Stone-cutters, whose art is the subject of our present Section, are, in general, artisans well-informed in their trade; and in those countries where stone most abunds, they are generally the most skilful. Hence it happens that London is ^{Northern} supplied with the most intelligent Masons from the Northern parts of Great- ^{stone-cutters.} Britain, where the article of stone is chiefly used in building.

In Great Britain and Ireland we have some of the most valuable quarries of ^{Free-Stone of} Free-stone perhaps in the world, the qualities of which are not generally known ^{England, Ireland, and} to those whose practice has been confined to the metropolis, where Portland-stone ^{Scotland.} has been chiefly used for what is required; that is, where bricks cannot with ^{Portlandstone,} propriety be substituted. Considerable quantities, also, of Yorkshire stone, ^{Yorkshire} consisting of paving, flagging, and landings, of various sizes, are sent to London; ^{stone, &c.} together with Moor-stone, and granites for paving, &c.; as likewise the Painswick and Bath-stone, the two latter of which species are used for the same purpose as Portland in our public buildings.

The qualities of the description of stone mentioned are well known and justly ^{Price of stone} estimated. It is, however, but candid to state that we have, in many parts of ^{regulated by} the Kingdom, descriptions of stone far superior to what is at present sent to ^{the wages of} London. The prices for the former of which are regulated according to the local wages and customs of the provinces and counties where it is raised.

Masons' or Stone-cutters' works, in London and its environs, are measured ^{On measuring} in cubic and superficial feet; Portland stone in cube feet, when the thicknesses ^{masons' work} are above 2 inches or $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. And to find the intrinsic worth, the first step to ^{in London,} be taken is to ascertain the cubical contents, as well as the value of the stone, in ^{including} reference to the prime cost, including the freightage and land-carriage to the ^{profit and} place where it is used; to which should be attached the usual profit thereon; ^{labour.} and, subsequently, the value of the labour, comprehending the sawing, together ^{Sawing and} with the various gradations of workmanship, including hoisting, &c. the value ^{workmanship.} of which should be arithmetically proportioned according to the degree of difficulty in raising the stone.

Having regulated the value of the stone in cube feet, the next step to be ^{How to value} taken is to ascertain the several degrees of workmanship, consisting of plain and ^{plain and sunk} sunk works, with throatings, &c. Plain work signifies the labour upon the horizontal and vertical faces of the stone, which are smoothed, wrought, or tooled over; and as cut or free-stone work is chiefly sawn, it is customary to allow one portion of the plain work nearly at sawyers' prices; the second at double those ^{Mean propor-} rates, being the mean ratio or proportionate value for the labour of plain-work, ^{tion.} exclusive of tooling, which should be charged according to the work it represents.

Explanation of sunk-work; its use.	Sunk-work, upon horizontal stone surfaces, imply such parts as are necessarily and gradually reduced towards the upper and outer edges, in order to throw off the wet; and the throatings imply the narrow groovings near the outer edges on the under sides of window-sills, string-courses, &c., to prevent the water running down the faces of the walls: and, besides the sunk-work described must also be included, those in the planciers of cornices, and all manner of reductions, from the plain faces of stone-work to their ultimate assumed forms.
Allowances for waste.	In ascertaining the cubical contents of the stone before it is wrought, reasonable allowances should be made for waste in the admeasurement, the superficial faces should then be taken for plain and sunk works; to which should be added, <i>one bed</i> and <i>one upright joint</i> for plain work to every stone, and subsequently, if any, the circular, plain, and sunk works to each stone, with the straight and circular moulded works. In the performance of which operation, it requires particular attention to measure all the plain and sunk works which the masons or stone-cutters are justly entitled to, upon the respective faces, in progressively bringing forward their works. Plain and sunk works are measured in superficial feet, and throatings, and all narrow sinkings, in feet running measure.
Great attention requisite to measure masonry.	The labour to stone cornices should be measured by girting round the mouldings, that is, round all the vertical and horizontal sides, and this is termed <i>moulded work</i> ; and if circular, <i>circular moulded work</i> , the superior plain surfaces of cornices being weathered to throw off the wet, should also be measured as sunk work; and the plain work to all the joints should likewise be taken in the manner before described. The solid contents of the stone should be first measured, and subsequently the labour thereon.
To measure stone cornices.	To measure stone columns, first proceed as last mentioned, then take two sides of the solid stones, and to each of the columns their beds, for plain work; the heights and circumferences should then be taken as circular sunk-work, with their several plain faces or beds; having finished the shafts of the columns, then proceed to measure the bases and capitals, first taking the solid stones, and, subsequently, the plain, sunk, and moulded works; but, if the capitals should be Ionic, Corinthian, or Composite, then take as nearly as possible the presumed solid contents of the stone, and ascertain the <i>quantum</i> of time consumed in carving; which, being added to the worth of the stone, with suitable profits on the workmanship, will constitute the value, in which should be included the labour of fixing, hoisting, &c.
Weathering.	Pilasters, cornices, friezes, architraves, plinths, belting-courses, plain and chamfered rustics, balustrades and balusters, steps, staircases, copings, strings, and every description of cut stone-work, should be measured and valued upon the principles already explained, having reference, at all times, to the prime cost, including freightage, land-carriage, waste, labour, extra hoisting, and profit; all these combined circumstances must be taken into consideration in finding the value of masonry in London, or elsewhere, which, like every other description of work, will be found to vary in value, according to the currency of wages and local customs.
To measure columns, &c.	In ascertaining the value of stone steps, to geometrical and other staircases, judgment is requisite; for, as the steps are bevelled on their soffits, and the winders cut diagonally with apparent loss, it is necessary to comprehend that such steps are
Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite.	
Different sorts of works measured in the same manner.	
To measure staircases.	

formed without much actual loss, if any, to the mason, who judiciously contrives, in cutting the stone, to form nearly two steps out of one solid piece, whether intended for straight flyers or diagonal winders; the exact cubical contents, therefore, of the steps should be ascertained for the value of the stone, and for the labour, the *plain* and *moulded* work, and, if moulded, the entire heights of the risers and moulded nosings should be taken for the moulded work; the treads for plain work, and the soffits as plain work; the latter being valued as for *saving* only; curtail-steps should be measured and valued as solids, and the labour thereon ascertained by admeasurements, which should be equivalent to the extra trouble and judgment requisite in forming them.

Plain and
moulded
works on steps.

Curtail steps,
how to value.

The construction of rubble-walls are scarcely known about London; but, in many parts of the kingdom, such edifices are very common.

Common
rubble-walls.

In Scotland, where stone is plentiful, the standard thickness is 2 feet, the contents are found in feet and inches, and, subsequently, divided by 9, which reduces the work into superficial yards, and the yards are again divided by 36, which reduces the entire into roods; when the walls are more than 2 feet in thickness, they are reduced to the standard, by adding one-third, one-quarter, or one-half, more or less, according to the respective thicknesses.

Scotch stone-
walls.
Contents
reduced to
yards,
then to roods;
above 2 feet
are reduced to
the standard.

The customs in that part of Great Britain, in taking the admeasurements, vary according to the places, and the nature of the agreements.

Customs of
measuring
differ.

In Glasgow, if a builder engages to perform masonry for workmanship only, the dimensions are taken round the buildings, on the outsides, for the lengths, and, multiplied by the heights at the same thicknesses, or by as many heights separately, as there are thicknesses. The external measures produce something more than the actual contents, by the additions of the respective quoins, which, by comparison, may be esteemed as square pillars of stone, 2 feet thick; but these additions, or allowances, are not more than equivalent to compensate for the extra trouble in plumbing the quoins. If the buildings are executed with cut-stone plinths, belting-courses, cornices, blocking-courses, &c., the dimensions for the heights are taken by girting over all the parts mentioned, and for the lengths by girting around the buildings over the pilasters, if any, together with the residue of the cut-stone work.

Principles of
measuring in
Glasgow,
heights and
thicknesses.

Not more than
equivalent to
compensate.

This practice is, perhaps, the most absurd of any that can be adduced, inasmuch as the additional extensions, in heights and lengths, cannot be equivalent compensations for the value of the extra labour upon the cut or dressed stone.

One of the
most incon-
sistent prac-
tices.

Average Specific Weights of Stone.

	Ton cwt. gr. lb.				
15 cubic feet of Portland stone weighs.....	1	0	3	20	Specific weights of stone, marble, and chalk.
13 cubic feet of marble weighs.....	0	19	2	13	
20 cubic feet of chalk-stone weighs	1	0	0	1	
From 50 to 60 feet super. of Purbeck paving will weigh above one ton; the exact weight will depend on its thickness.					Do Purbeck.
From 70 to 80 feet super. of Yorkshire paving will weigh above one ton; the exact weight will also depend on the thickness.					Do. Yorkshire.
The weight of stone varies, but the above may be taken as fair average weights.					

AVERAGE PRICES

OF

MASONS' OR STONE-CUTTERS' WORKS

IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND

		<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Portland stone	PORTLAND-STONE, including freightage, landing, wharfage, and profit, but exclusive of the land-carriage to the places where it is to be used, per foot cube.....	5	0
	Do. exceeding the ordinary size of 6 feet.....	5	6
Plain, sunk, circular, and moulded work on do.	Plain work, per foot super.....	1	2
	Do. tooled.....	1	4
	Sunk work.....	1	6
	Circular plain work.....	1	6
	Circular sunk work.....	1	10
	Moulded work.....	2	0
	Circular moulded work.....	2	4
Sawing.	Sawing do.....	0	7
Joggles, &c.	The prices for sunk joggles should be proportioned to their sizes.		
	Groovings, do., per foot run.....	0	3
	Throatings, do.....	0	2
Portland window-sills.	Portland window-sills should be measured and charged at per foot cube; and the plain, sunk, and throated work, charged separately: and it would be more satisfactory if the entire of work in Portland stone was charged in the same way.		
Mantles and jambs.	Portland mantles, and jambs to chimnies, with slabs 1-in. thick, per foot super.....	1	8
	If thicker, add in proportion.		
Paving in courses, &c.	Portland paving, laid in straight courses, and 1½-in. thick	2	0
	Do. laid diagonally	2	4
Prices of work on Portland.	12-in. feather-edge Portland coping, 2½-in. on the front edge, and 1½-in. in the rere, throated and set, per foot run.....	2	6
	Do. 3-in. do.....	2	9
	Do. 18-in. wide.....	3	4
Balconies, &c.	2½-in. Portland balconies.....	3	3
	3-in. do. do.....	3	6
	3½-in. do. do.....	3	9
Sinks, &c.	6-in. Portland sinks, per foot super.	5	0
	7-in. do.....	6	0
	8-in. do.....	7	0
	5-holed Portland sink-stones, each.....	3	6
	Taking down, re-working, and re-setting masonry, should be charged as day-work.		
Balusters.	18-in. Portland balusters, 4½-in. diameter, fixed, each.....	12	0

	s.	d.	
Chimney cramps, each.....	0	6	Cramps, &c.
Do. let into Portland.....	0	9	
Do. run with lead.....	1	0	
Holdfasts, each.....	0	3	Holdfasts, &c.
Moderate sized turned Pateras, in Portland, each.....	2	0	
Plain rounded corners in do.....	0	8	
Moulded do.....	1	0	
1-inch holes cut in Portland for iron bars.....	0	2½	Holes.
2-in. do.....	0	3½	
4-in. do.....	0	5½	
6-in. do. do.....	0	9	
Washers let into Portland sink-stones.....	0	10	Washers, &c.
Holes cut for pipes in do.....	0	10	
Extra hoisting may be charged per foot cube above 25 feet in height, after the rate of 4d. per foot cube, and for every subsequent 5 feet in arithmetical progression.			
Common Yorkshire paving, at per foot super.....	1	1	York paving and landings.
Rubbed do.....	1	6	
3-inch paving do.....	1	4	
3-in. York landings, rubbed do.....	2	6	
4-in. do.....	3	4	
5-in. do.....	4	2	
6-in. do.....	5	0	
12-in. weathered coping, set, per foot run.....	1	6	Coping.
16-in. do. do.....	2	0	
12-inch coping, 2-in. thick, set, do.....	1	9	
16-in. do do.....	2	3	
12-in. coping, 3-in. thick, do.....	2	0	
16-in. do. do.....	2	9	
Yorkshire sink-stones, per foot super.....	5	0	Sink stones.
Do. 5-hole sink-stones, each.....	2	3	
Holes for iron-work, each.....	0	2½	Holes.
Coal-plates let in.....	2	9	
Throating, per foot run.....	0	2	Throatings.
Window-sills, 9-in. wide, sunk and throated, per foot run.....	1	9	
York steps, do.....	3	0	
Purbeck paving in random courses, at per foot super.....	1	2	Paving in Purbeck, &c.
Do. in straight courses.....	1	4	
Do. rubbed.....	1	10	
Purbeck steps, per foot run.....	3	0	
Do. Channel-stone.....	1	9	
Bath stone, per foot cube.....	4	0	Bath stone.
Do. extra size above 6 feet.....	4	4	
Plain work on do. per foot super.....	0	8	
Sunk do. on do.....	0	9	
Moulded do. on do.....	0	11	
Ryegate hearth-stones and covings 1-in. thick, at per foot super.....	1	2	Ryegate stone.

		s.	d.
Ryegate stone.	Ryegate hearth-stones and coverings, 1½-in. thick.....	1	4
	Do. 2-in. thick.....	1	6
	Do. 4-in. thick, for bottoms of ovens.....	2	6
Painswick stone. Plain, sunk, and moulded work.	Painswick stone, at per foot cube.....	4	9
	Plain work on do., per foot super.....	0	10
	Sunk-work do.....	1	0
	Moulded do.....	1	2
	1-inch mantles and jambs to chimnies, do.....	1	9
	1½-in. paving in courses.....	1	6
	2-in. do.....	1	10
	Throating, per foot run.....	0	1½
Aberdeen granite.	Scotch or Aberdeen granite, per foot cube.....	5	9
	Plain work on do., per foot super.....	3	0
Moor stone.	Moor-stone paving, per foot super.....	2	0
	Do. kirb-stone, per foot run.....	2	9

ON STATUARY AND OTHER MARBLES.

Statuary
Marbles.

PURE or genuine Italian Statuary Marble is without blemish, and it is very highly estimated when it can be procured. To the sculptor it is invaluable, inasmuch as the quality of it adds lustre to the workmanship, and enables the artist to command the highest price for his labour, ingenuity, and taste.

Superior
chimney-
pieces.

This species of marble is seldom used about buildings, unless for chimney-pieces of a superior description; and, when required, sculptors generally make their contracts to furnish every part at stipulated sums, which supersedes the necessity of admeasurements. Inferior statuary chimney-pieces, in London,* and at

Inferior chim-
ney-pieces.

other places, are made for sale at various prices, from 15 up to 20, 30, 40, and 50 sovereigns each. If made agreeable to designs furnished, the prices are previously agreed upon; and if not, should be, to prevent unpleasant disputes, as upon the value of statuary's works few men can be found to agree in opinion.

Contracts.

Price of
statuary.

The average current prices for statuary marble in blocks, are from three to five sovereigns per foot cube, at the wharf; the prices for slabs, therefore, per foot super, in inches of thickness, will be the twelfth part thereof, severally equal in value to 8s. 4d. per foot; to which should be added, the sawing, polishing, profit, &c. And, by these means, equitable prices per foot super may be ascertained for statuary chimney-pieces, by admeasurements; but we recommend the plan first proposed, that is, to contract for price, which supersedes any admeasurement. Inferior statuary is set only for ordinary chimney-pieces, and for rooms correspondent with its quality, and it is properly estimated: the price being about half the estimated value of the former at per foot cube.

Equitable
prices.

Blue-veined
marble.

Blue-veined Italian marble is, perhaps, next in quality to the inferior Statuary, and by most persons preferred; the current price, in the block, is about two guineas per foot cube at the wharf.

* The *Mart* for works of this description, in London, is the *New Road*; but specimens may be seen at 315, Oxford Street, where orders are received, by the agent of an eminent artist, for sculptured chimney-pieces and monuments upon the most economical principles.

Dove Marble.—This beautiful stone, which approximates to the soft blue colour of the Dove's plumage, is in high estimation, and the chimney-pieces made with it produce the most pleasing effect; the value per foot cube, at the wharf, is about two guineas.

The Galway, Kilkenny, and Limerick Marbles, which are so much estimated in Ireland, and in this country also, is worth from 25s. to 30s. per foot cube.

The Kilkenny Marble, which is of a pleasing blue-black when polished, in the course of time will change its colour by the heat of the fire, and will continue to do so until it assumes a bluish freckle.

The Limerick Marble is of a beautiful jet-black, and, when polished, is equal, if not superior, to the *Namur*.

The Brocatella, Sienna, Verd Antique, and *Namur*, which are foreign marbles, and have been in high estimation, are now very seldom introduced in our modern buildings. The quarries of Great Britain have not, at present, produced any superior marbles: the best we have seen are those from the counties of Devon and Derby; nor have we any worthy of being compared with those of Ireland, the most approved of which now in use have been noticed, and their current average market prices announced, at per foot cube; which, with the aid of the instructions given, it is presumed, will enable persons desirous of estimating the detailed value, to ascertain it upon principles which cannot be disputed.

	£.	s.	d.	
Statuary marble, per foot cube, from £3. to.....	5	0	0	Prices of statuary.
Plain work, per foot super	0	5	0	
Sunk-work, do.	0	10	0	
Moulded-work, do.	0	15	0	
Statuary marble in chimney-pieces, with slabs, about one inch thick, per foot super	0	18	0	Slabs.
Do. 1¼ in. thick, do.	1	0	0	
Do. 1½ in. do. do.	1	2	0	
Circular plain-work to statuary, do.	0	10	0	Circular work.
Do, sunk, do.	0	15	0	
Do. moulded-work, do.	1	0	0	
Inferior statuary, 1 inch thick, in slabs, do.	0	12	0	
Veined marble, per foot cube	2	10	6	Average prices of veined marble.
Plain work, per foot super	0	5	0	
Sunk do. do.	0	10	0	
Moulded do. do.	0	15	0	
Veined marble chimney-pieces, with slabs, about 1 inch thick	0	9	6	Veined slabs.
Do. 1¼ in. thick	0	10	6	
Do. 1½ in. thick	0	11	6	
Circular plain-work to veined marble, at per foot super	0	10	0	Circular work.
Do. sunk-work to do.	0	15	0	
Do. moulded-work to do.	1	0	0	
Dove marble slabs, about 1 inch thick, do.	0	13	0	Dove, Kilkenny, and black.
Kilkenny do. do.	0	10	0	
Do. black, Galway, and Limerick	0	10	0	
Single reeds, per foot run.....	0	1	2	Average prices of labour.

		£.	s.	d.
On Marble chimney-pieces, per foot run, &c.	Flush-beads in panels, per foot run.....	0	1	4
	Astragals to neckings, do.....	0	2	3
	Back-joints, do.	0	0	8
Cavettos.	Small hollows, do.	0	1	3
	Single beads, do.	0	1	4
	Double beads, do.	0	1	8
	Treble beads, do.	0	2	4
Mouldings, sinkings, reeding, &c.	Moulded fronts to 5-inch pilasters, do.	0	5	0
	Sunk rebates, do.....	0	1	0
	Backings to pilasters, do.	0	0	6
	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch flutings, do.....	0	1	0
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	1	6
	1-in. do. do.....	0	2	0
Corners.	Plain rounded corners, do.	0	1	2
	Reeded do. do.....	0	1	8
	Turned pateras, per pair	0	8	0
Cleansing, re-setting, &c.	Old chimneys polished and re-set, per foot super.....	0	2	9
	Do. cleaned and re-set, do.....	0	1	4
	Do. jointed and re-set, do.	0	0	11
	Do. ripped, polished, and re-set, do.....	0	3	3

Masons' and Stone-cutters' Day-Prices, in London.

		s.	d.
Carvers, masons, and labourers, per day.	Carver in Marble, per day	10	0
	Do. in Portland, do.	8	0
	Mason or Stone-cutter, do.	6	0
	Labourer, do.	3	6
	Polisher, do.....	4	0
	Mortar, per hod.....	0	7
Materials.	Iron chimney-cramps.....	0	6
	Plaster, per bag.....	1	6
	Fine ditto, do.....	1	10
	Roman cement, per bushel	4	6

CHAPTER IV.

ON PLASTERERS' WORK.

Primitive and intrinsic value of plastering. **T**HE intrinsic value of considerable portions of Plasterers' Works depend upon the qualities of the laths, which are of three sorts. For instance, the first are called *single fir laths*, which are the thinnest; the second size are somewhat thicker, and are called *lath and half*; and the third size are twice the thickness of the first, and are called *double fir laths*. Their general lengths are 3 feet; and 25 nailed, at proper distances, will cover about one square yard.

Laths.

On the value of laths will, in a great measure, depend the worth of ceilings, and stucco-work on walls and partitions, &c. It is, therefore, essential in affixing the value upon plasterers' work, first to inquire into the prices of the different sorts of laths at the various periods the works are executed, as well as into the prices of lime, sand, hair, and other materials.

Perhaps there is not any artificer's work so easy to measure as plasterers', nor any so difficult to value as the ornamental parts; but, where a regular system is adopted, this apparent difficulty ceases, by degrees, as valuers become familiar with their subject.

Plain cornices, under 9 inches girth, should be measured in running feet, and all above those girths in superficial feet.

The plain parts of ornamental cornices should be first measured, as plain, and then the several enrichments thereon, taken by feet running measure, which, being valued separately, and added to the plain work, will determine the correct value at per foot superficial.

Plastered ceilings, partitions, walls, and rough-casting, &c., should be measured by the yard: the principal things to be remembered are, to deduct the chimnies, doors, and windows, &c., from the partitions and walls, and the cornices, &c. from the ceilings, making proper allowances for the laths, and the first or scratched coat of plastering under the cornices; the same allowances should also be made in measuring the sides of walls and partitions, where the cornices dip several inches below the superficial faces of the ceilings.

ROMAN CEMENT.

Equal portions of clean sharp grit sand, mixed with this cement, will form the most durable of stucco coverings upon old and new brick-work. If the sand is wet or damp at the time it is mixed with the cement, it should be instantly diluted with water, and used as quick as possible; for, when applied upon walls, it requires incessant trowelling until it sets. So soon as finished, it should be *frescoed* with colour, composed of five ounces of copperas to every gallon of water, mixed up with as much cement and fresh lime as will produce the effect required. When the entire of the work is thus covered, and has assumed an uniform colour, it should then be *frescoed*, or tinted, in imitation of Portland, Bath, or such description of Free-stone as may be required to represent the most scientific or well-bonded masonry.

In country places the best burned stone-lime, well incorporated with clean sharp sand, diluted with water, is used for covering the outsides of buildings; and where the materials are unexceptionable, it is considered a good substitute for Roman Cement; and in Ireland, where the lime is many degrees superior to the English, the architects prefer their own country lime to our Roman Cement, except for particular purposes, as in making mortar for water-works, and similar uses, for which, perhaps, it cannot nor has ever been excelled.

AVERAGE PRICES

OF

PLASTERERS' MEASURED WORKS

IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND.

		s.	d.
Whiting, colouring, washing, stopping, &c.	LIME-WHITING, once done, per yard super.....	0	2
	Do. twice done, do.....	0	2½
	Scraping, stopping, washing, and whiting, to old ceilings, do.....	0	3½
New and old work.	New work, white only.....	0	2
	Do. to new plain cornices, per foot run.....	0	1½
	Do. to old cornices, do.....	0	1
	If ornamented, in proportion.		
Distemper, &c.	Wash, stop, and white, to old ceilings, slightly ornamented, at per yard..	0	5
	Do. richly ornamented, do.....	0	10
	Do. where the panels are deep and the ornaments require great care, do.	1	3
	Do. in distemper, to ceilings, &c. per yard.....	0	3½
	Do. to single or plain cornices, &c. per foot super.....	0	1½
	Do. to ornamented, do.....	0	2½
	Do. do. with broad soffits, do.....	0	3
	Do. to enriched ceilings.....	0	3
Plain mouldings, colouring, &c.	Plain mouldings cleaned, stopped, and whited, at per foot run	0	1½
	Common colouring, at per yard.....	0	3
	Cream, or buff colouring, do.	0	5
	Do. blue or French grey, &c.	0	6
Chimnies, &c. rendered.	Common sized chimnies, rendered and blocked, each.....	1	6
	Walls rendered, one coat, per yard.....	0	7
	Do. and set with fine stuff, do.	0	9
	Do. circular do. do.....	1	0
	Do. floated and set, do.....	1	3
	Do. circular do.....	1	7
	Do. to groins.....	1	10
Lathing and plastering.	Lathing only, including nails and labour, at per yard.....	0	10
	Do. and one coat of lime and hair, do.....	1	3
	Do. and set with fine-stuff, do.	1	6
	Do. circular, do.....	2	0
	Lathing, with two coats of lime and hair.....	1	10
	Do. and set with fine-stuff	2	0
Floating, &c.	Floated do. and set in white do.....	2	1
	Do. to ceilings only, do.....	2	3
	Do. to groins do. and circular, do.....	2	6
	Do. finished on laths and trowelled, do.....	2	8

	s.	d.	
Do. plain frieze and set, per foot superficial	0	4	Soffits, &c.
Do. and soffits, do. do.	0	5	
Do. to heads of niches, do.	0	8	
Rough-casting on laths, at per yard.	2	0	Rough-cast.
Do. on brick-fronts, or other brick-work, two coats, do.	3	6	
If circular, add one-sixth, and charge for putting-up and taking down scaffolding, &c.			
<i>Bastard-stucco</i> on brick, at per yard	1	6	Bastard-stucco.
Circular do.	1	11	
<i>Bastard-stucco</i> on lath, do.	2	4	
Circular, do.	2	11	
Trowelled-stucco on bricks, do.	2	0	Trowelled work.
Circular do. do.	2	6	
Trowelled-stucco on lath, do.	2	10	
Circular do. do.	3	6	
Do. on laths and panelled, do.	3	9	
Do. in heads of niches, at per foot super.	0	9	
Rustic raised and champhered, do.	1	0	Rustic work.
Plain fascias raised, do.	0	10	
Do. in keys to arches.	1	2	
Raised panels, or margins, according to their widths, from 5 <i>d.</i> to 7 <i>d.</i> and 9 <i>d.</i> per foot run.			Paneling.
Moulded do. in proportions thereto.			
Groins, at per foot super.	0	6	
Do. on lath.	0	8	
Beads and quirks, at per foot run.	0	4	Beatings, &c.
Do. double do.	0	6	
Circular beads and quirks, do.	0	6	
Do. double, do.	0	8	
Arris', do.	0	1	
Common quirk, do.	0	1½	
4½-inch reveals to windows, at per foot run	0	5	Reveals.
Circular do.	0	6	
9-inch do.	0	10	
Circular do.	0	11	
Soffits on laths, floated and set, at per foot super.	0	4	Soffits and friezes &c.
Do. circular, do.	0	5	
Do. elliptical, do.	0	6	
Circular soffits, with ogees or ovolos, including beads in 3-inch sunk panels in laths, do.	1	8	
Do. bead and flush, do.	1	2	
Friezes in laths, floated, do.	0	3	
Do. and set, do.	0	4	
Plain cornices, 3-inch girt, at per foot running measure	0	3	Cornices,
Do. 4-inch, do.	0	4	
Do. 5-inch, do.	0	5	
Do. 6-inch, do.	0	6	

		s.	d.
Cornices.	Plain cornices, 7-inch girt, at per foot running measure	0	7
	Do. 8-inch, do.....	0	8
	Do. 9-inch, do., and all above this girt should be charged after the rate of, per foot superficial	1	0
Mouldings, per foot run.	Astragals, ovolos, or ogees, &c., at the bottoms of friezes, or when introduced round panels, &c. per foot run.....	0	3½
	Do. circular do.....	0	4½
	Reed mouldings to form panels, do.....	0	5
	Circular do. do.....	0	7
Mitres, more than four.	Whenever it occurs that more than four mitres are introduced in the cornices of rooms, all above that number should be charged as extra, at per mitre, according to the labour; and whenever the works are circular, one-third or one-fourth should be added to the charges over and above the prices for straight work.		
Cornices and enrichments.	All the plain parts or masks of the cornices to be first measured, and charged at per foot super.....	1	0
	Enriched mouldings which are cast solid, and girt one-inch, to be charged after the rate of 3d. per foot run, and all other enrichments in cornices, &c. after the same ratio; if separately, 1d. per foot in advance.		
Cast mould- ings, per foot run.	Enriched mouldings, 1-inch girt.....	0	3
	Do. 1½-in. do.....	0	4½
	Do. 2-in. do.....	0	6
	Do. 2½-in. do.....	0	7½
	Do. 3-in. do.....	0	9
	Do. 4½-in. do.....	0	10½
	Do. 5-in. do.....	1	0
	If circular or elliptical, add one-fourth.		
Cornices of the Orders in Architecture, per foot run.	Plain dentil cornices, per foot super.....	1	4
	Do. with Grecian Doric blocks and bells, do.....	1	6
	Do. with plain Ionic modillions, do.....	1	8
	Do. with enriched Corinthian modillions, do.....	2	0
	Do. with plain Tuscan blocks, do.....	1	5
	Do. with plain Doric mutules, do.....	1	6
	Do. with enriched mutules, including the bells or drops, with flowers in the coffers, &c. do.....	2	9
	Do. including the trygliphs, metopes, flowers, and architraves, do.....	3	0
Enrichments in soffits, &c. per foot run.	Running ornaments, or soffits, friezes, and strings, 9 inches wide, per foot run.....	2	3
	Do. 8 inches wide, do.	2	0
	Do. 7 inches wide, do.....	1	9
	Do. 6 inches wide, do.....	1	6
	Do. 5 inches wide, do.....	1	3
Extra charges for modelling, &c.	Where enrichments are expressly modelled from original drawings, the expenses of modelling should be allowed, independent of the prices charged for the work in the measured bills.		

The best outside stucco-work, performed with Dorking or any other approved lime, mixed with clean sharp sand, on old or new brick-work, neatly jointed, at per yard superficial, is worth from 1s. 9d. to 2s. per yard. Common outside stucco-work or cement.

If on good laths, from 2s. 9d. to 3s. per yard; if circular on the plan, one-sixth Do. on laths. may be added to the prices.

	s.	d.	
Fascias and pilasters, per foot super	0	3½	Do, outside
Plain cornices, per do.	1	6	fascias, cornices, &c.
Arris', per foot run	0	1	

The colouring performed in a neat uniform manner, to imitate Portland or Bath stone, 9d. per yard; and, if frescoed, one shilling may be charged. Frescoing, &c. on stucco.

The expenses of erecting and taking down scaffolding may be charged in addition to the above, but not for the use of it, as the prices are adequate thereto. Scaffolding.

	s.	d.	
Roman cement, on the outside of walls, including all materials, at per yard super	4	0	Parker's Roman cement.
Do. including colouring or frescoing, to imitate the bonding of masonry, ditto	5	0	Roman cement and colouring on laths.
Do. if executed with stout laths.....	6	0	
Pilasters, fascias, belting-courses, strings, &c. per foot super.....	0	6	Pilasters, belting-courses, &c.
Plain cornices, do.	2	2	
Sinkings, per foot run	0	5	Sinkings, arris', &c.
Arris', do.....	0	2	
9-inch reveals, do.....	0	8	
4½-in. do. do.....	0	5	

One-fourth, one-fifth, or one-sixth, may be added to any of the before-mentioned prices, if the works are circular; the prices for which should be regulated in proportion to the sharpness of the curvatures, &c. Additions may be made where circular.

The consequent expenses of dubbing out, to render the surfaces even before the Roman cement or stucco is laid on, should be accounted for; likewise the correct worth of the cement used in making such preparations, together with the time consumed in erecting and taking down the scaffolding, as likewise the cost of tar-twine, iron spikes, and such materials as may be found indispensably necessary in forming artificial and substantial projections for cornices, pilasters, &c. Dubbing out in Roman cement. Cornices, &c.

One bushel of cement, if used with care, will cover from three to four yards super, provided it is mixed with equal portions of clean, sharp, grit, river, or sea, sand. Where additional thicknesses are laid upon the face of a wall, in order to form pilasters not provided for in the brick-work, such additional thicknesses should be measured as double, treble, or quadruple, in proportion to such thicknesses; and the same principle should be adopted in accounting for the extra quantities of cement used in window-sills, string-courses, pilasters, friezes, and all manner of architectural decorations. In ascertaining the worth, therefore, of external stucco-work, great pains should be taken where the parts are complicated, nor should the measurer forget to make all manner of equitable allowances, or to deduct the openings wherever they occur. How to value additional thicknesses, in pilasters, friezes, &c.

Prime cost of render and set. The value of 300 pecks of lime, 400 pecks of sand, the cost of six days' work of a plasterer, labourer, and boy, including 10 bushels of hair, is nearly equal to the prime cost of 200 yards of render and set.

Do. of lath, plaster, and set. The value, also, of 450 pecks of lime, 600 pecks of sand, the cost of 12 days' works of a plasterer, labourer, and boy, including 15 bushels of hair, 2 loads of laths, and 14 thousand nails, is nearly equal to the prime cost of 270 yards of lath, plaster, and set.

To find the value in any part of the world. In order, therefore, to ascertain the correct value of common plastering, in the different parts of the kingdom, it will be necessary to enter into the detailed value of lime, sand, and workman's wages, with all the consequent expenses; and, by these means, the average prices of plastering may be arrived at, not only in any part of these countries, but in any part of the world.

Plasterers' Average Prices for Day-work, in London, &c.

		s.	d.
Day prices.	Plasterer, per day	5	9
	Labourer, do.	3	6
	Hawk-boy, do.	1	9
	Laths, per bundle.	2	3
	Do. and nails.	3	0
Laths, &c.	Lath-and-half, per bundle.	3	6
	Do. and nails.	4	0
	Lime and hair, per hod.	0	10
	Do. for outside work, do.	1	0
Mortar.	Do. fine stuff, do.	1	6
	Stucco in do.	1	10
	Putty in do.	2	3
Plaster.	Plaster, per bag.	1	4
	Do. fine, do.	1	8
Roman cement.	Roman cement, per bushel.	4	6
	Dorking lime, do.	1	10
Sand.	River sand, do.	0	5
	Two-penny nails, per thousand.	1	8
Nails, &c.	Cast nails, do.	0	10
	Whiting, per dozen.	0	4
Size.	Best, do.	0	6
	Double size, per firkin.	6	0
	Do. per gallon.	0	7
	Do. by the pound.	0	4
Blue, &c.	Blue black, per do.	0	5
	Modellers, when paid by day-work, are allowed after the rate of one day and a half, which is equal to 8s. 1½d. per day.		
Modeller's wages and wax.	Wax for do. per pound.	3	3
Scaffolding, turnpike, and cartage.	Cartage, turnpikes, and scaffolding, &c., to be charged in proportion to distances, and to the value of horse-hire at the respective seasons of the year the works are performed.		

CHAPTER V

ON THE AVERAGE PRICES OF SLATERS' WORKS,

IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, &c.

THE best slates which can be procured in Great Britain, are those which are raised in the quarries of North-Wales. The Westmoreland slates are by many persons strongly recommended; the colour of them is considered beautiful, being of a light blue green, while that of the Welsh slates is chiefly sky-blue; some are of a purple cast, as are also those which are sent from the West of England. In the quarries of St. John's Town, in the North of Ireland, excellent slates are procured; but the latter are inferior to those from North-Wales, the best of which are the Donnyhole Rag, Imperial, and Queen, slates; for neatness, for strength, and where fine workmanship is required, the latter cannot be excelled; any of the former, for each sort being thick, are well calculated to resist the effects of stormy weather.

The *Duchess*, *Countess*, *Ladies*, and *Doubles*, known by these names, are likewise good slates; and, where they are not exposed to the effects of a tempestuous climate, they answer the same purpose as the most expensive slates.

The *Ton*, *Imperial*, *Queen*, and *Patent* Slatings, are each highly estimated; but the former have the preference, for, when laid on roofs judiciously constructed, they may be relied on to keep out the wet; whereas the latter are considered unsafe, unless great pains be taken to make weather-tight seams to cover the joints: another objection renders it unpopular with those who are acquainted with the fatal effects of the *dry-rot*. The *duchess* slating is a very neat, light, and elegant, covering, but should never be introduced in an elevated situation, or in those parts of the country subject to violent hurricanes; and all light slates, in such situations, are objectionable for similar reasons. On this subject we may remark the more strongly, from having seen the melancholy effects of light slates on the roofs of buildings in mountainous countries, as well as near the sea.

Slaters' works are measured by the square of one hundred feet superficial; the contents of a roof is found by multiplying the length of the ridge by the breadth, from eave to eave, making allowances of one foot on each side in the girt, for the double rows of slates at the eaves; and allowances of one foot for cuttings to the hips and valleys, by their lengths, should be made; and six inches by the lengths for all manner of cuttings to dormers, chimnies, or other breaks, the superficial contents of which should be deducted from the entire quantities, if included in the general dimensions previously taken.

One square of Welsh rag or Westmoreland slating, weigh very nearly half a ton, or 10 cwt.

One square of *Duchess*, *Countess*, or *Lady*, slating, weigh about one-quarter of a ton, or near 6 cwt.

Westmoreland
beautiful
green.

Purple slate
from Devon.

These slates
not fit for ex-
posed situa-
tions.

Ton, Queen, and
patent slates.
&c.

Duchess slat-
ing.

How to mea-
sure and value
slaters' works;
the length of
the ridge and
girt of the in-
clined planes.

Weight of
slates per
square.

Quantities requisite for covering squares. A ton of Welsh rags will cover about $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 squares; a ton of Westmoreland the same; and one ton of Queen slates nearly 2 squares.

1000 Duchess slates will cover about 9 squares.

1000 Countess do. will cover 5 squares.

1000 Ladies' do. will cover $3\frac{3}{4}$ squares.

1000 Tavistock do. will cover $2\frac{3}{4}$ squares.

		ft.	in.		ft.	in.
Sizes of common slates.	Duchess slate, average size is	2	0	by	1	1
	Countess do. do.	1	8	..	0	10
	Lady do. do.	1	3	..	0	8
	Doubles do. do.	1	1	..	0	6
Do. of superior slates.	Patent Wyatt do. do.	2	6	..	2	0
	Imperial do. do.	2	6	..	2	0
	Queen do. do.	3	0	..	2	0
	Rag do. do.	3	0	..	2	0
					£.	s. d.
Prices, per square, for slating.	The best Westmoreland slating, on boards, nailed with 4d. clout nails, per square	4	4	0		
	Do. on the best oak laths, and rendered in the inside with good lime and hair	4	10	0		
	Donnybole rag slating on boards, at per square	3	10	0		
	Best Welsh rag and Queen, do. from £3. 5s. to	3	7	0		
Minor slating, at per square.	Duchess slating, do.	2	5	0		
	Countess do. do.	2	2	0		
	Ladies' do. do.	2	0	0		
	Tavistock slating on boards	2	3	0		
Slaters' dry-work.	Do. on oak laths, and pointed	3	3	0		
	Slater, in London, &c. per day	0	5	6		
	Labourer, do.	0	3	6		
	Slates, per 100. Large slates, at per hundred, from 10s. to	0	12	0		
Nails, do.	Tavistock do. do.	0	7	0		
	Doubles do. do.	0	5	0		
	Four-penny clouts painted, do.	0	0	4		
	Six-penny do. do.	0	0	6		
Mortar.	Eight-penny do. do.	0	0	8		
	Lime and hair, per hod	0	0	10		
	Slates, per ton. Queen slates, per ton	4	10	0		
	Rag, do.	4	5	0		
Duchess slates, &c. per 1000.	Imperial, do.	5	5	0		
	Westmoreland, do.	6	0	0		
	Duchess slates, per 1000, long hundreds.	13	13	0		
	Countesses' do. do.	9	9	0		
	Ladies' do. do.	4	15	0		
	Doubles do. do.	3	3	0		

The foregoing are the average prices of slates and slaters' work in London, Dublin, &c.; but, if executed in the country, the land and water-carriage should be added.

CHAPTER VI.

ON PLUMBERS' WORK, IN ENGLAND, &c.

THE average price of cast, sheet, or milled lead, as well as every other description of lead-work, must entirely depend upon the current price of pig-lead, the market price of which regulates the average cost of every article made of this valuable metal. The first thing, therefore, to be done in putting a value upon lead works, is, to ascertain, by the price-current, the mercantile value of pig-lead per ton or per hundred weight; to which should be added, all manner of expenses in the manufacture of the metal up to the period of its being put into the scales, and re-weighed. The prime cost being ascertained, the next step to be taken is, to add the profit, which should be always regulated and proportioned according to the extent of the credit required, as well as the risk of bad debts. Now, as the price of pig-lead is constantly varying, and in the same ratio as other valuable metals, it will be impossible to fix any thing like an average value upon lead-work; that is, with any degree of certainty, so as to be relied on for any length of time. The utmost, therefore, which can be done, to guide those who require printed information, is to give some general prices, with Tables to regulate according to circumstances.

Plumbers cast sheet-lead work is charged by the hundred weight, containing 112 pounds, which is of two sorts; that is, cast sheet-lead and milled sheet-lead. Solder is charged by the pound, and lead pipes by the yard or foot running measure.

New cast sheet-lead, 7 pounds and upwards to the foot super, laid in hips, ridges, gutters, valleys, flats, &c., is worth, at the present price of pig-lead, from 32s. to 34s. per hundred.

Laying the same, including solder where required, is worth from 4s. to 4s. 6d. Laying, &c. and 5s. per hundred.

	£.	s.	d.	
Milled lead to hips and ridges, under 7 lb. weight, per foot super,				Milled lead.
£1. 14s. to	1	16	0	
Labour in laying do., including solder, &c. per cwt.....	0	4	6	
Circular oval or square leaden cistern-heads, including ornaments, each	1	18	0	Cistern-heads.
Holdfasts, solder, and labour, to fixing the same	0	5	0	
Water-cisterns, battened and ornamented in panels, &c. all at per cwt.				Cisterns in panels, &c.
fixed.....	3	0	0	
Sash-weights, per cwt.....	1	16	0	Weights and old lead.
Old lead, in exchange, to be allowed for at the rate of, per cwt.....	1	5	0	
If not in exchange	0	18	0	
Solder, per pound.....	0	1	2	Solder, &c.

OBSERVE.—The expense of laying down lead is generally charged by the day, unless it is agreed to be included.

Table, showing the Weight of Leaden Pipes, according to their Sizes.

Weight of leaden pipes.	$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipes in the bore, weigh 10 lb. to the yard.
	1-in. do.....12 lb. do.
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do.....16 lb. do.
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do.....18 lb. do.
	2-in. do.....24 lb. do.
And for larger bores in proportion.	

A Table, very useful in buying and selling Lead, commencing with £2. 2s., being a fair Average Price, in reference to the Value of Lead during the last Twenty Years.

	£.	s.	d.		d.
Lead per cwt. and pound.	2	2	0	per cwt. is.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per pound.
	1	19	8	do.....	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ do.
	1	17	4	do.....	4 do.
	1	15	0	do.....	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ do.
	1	12	8	do.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ do.
	1	10	4	do.....	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ do.
	1	8	0	do.....	3 do.
	1	5	8	do.....	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ do.
	1	3	4	do.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ do.
	1	1	0	do.....	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ do.
	0	18	8	do.....	2 do.
	0	18	4	do.....	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ do.
	0	14	0	do.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ do.

Allowance in
buying and
selling old
lead.

In buying or selling old lead, it is customary to make allowances of from four to six pounds to the cwt. more or less, according to the state of the lead, for dirt. It is also customary to pay ready money for old lead, unless taken in exchange.

		£.	s.	d.
Rain-water pipes.	4-inch rain-water pipes, per foot	0	3	8
	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	3	2
	3-in. do. do.....	0	2	8
Soldered pipes.	2-inch soldered pipes, per foot	0	4	8
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	3	4
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	2	10
Water pipes.	2-in. water-pipes, per foot.....	0	3	10
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	2	8
	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	2	2
	1-in. do. do.....	0	1	9
	$\frac{3}{4}$ -in. do. do.....	0	1	3
	$\frac{1}{2}$ -in. do. do.....	0	0	9
Joints.	6-in. joints, each.....	0	9	6
	5-in. do. do.....	0	8	6
	4-in. do. do.....	0	7	9
	3-in. do. do.....	0	7	0

	£.	s.	d.	
2-in. joints, each.....	0	6	0	Joints.
1½-in. do. do.....	0	5	0	
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	3	9	
1-in. do. do.....	0	2	9	
¾-in. do. do.....	0	2	6	
½-in. do. do.....	0	2	0	
6-in. funnel-pipes, per foot.....	0	7	0	Funnel-pipes.
5½-in. do. do.....	0	6	6	
5-in. do. do.....	0	6	0	
4½-in. do. do.	0	5	0	
4-in. do. do.....	0	4	6	
4-in. pumps, complete.....	4	14	6	Pumps.
3½-in. do.....	4	0	0	
3-in. do.....	3	10	0	
1½-in. do.....	2	12	6	
4-in. socket pipes.....	0	4	0	Socket-pipes.
3½-in. do.....	0	3	6	
3-in. do.	0	3	0	
2½-in. do.....	0	2	6	
2-in. do.....	0	2	0	
Patent valve water-closets, with the apparatus, all complete.....	6	6	0	Water-closets.
Common pan water-closets, with valves, all complete.....	3	10	0	
4-in. force lead-pumps, all complete, at.....	6	6	0	Force lead-pumps.
3½-in. do. do.....	5	5	0	
3-in. do. do.....	4	4	0	
2½-in. do. do.....	3	15	0	
6-in. brass grates, and fixing, each.....	0	7	6	Brass grates, with lead air-traps, &c., for sinks.
5-in. do. do.....	0	6	6	
4-in. do. do.....	0	5	6	
3½-in. do. do.....	0	4	6	
3-in. do. do.....	0	4	0	
3-in. brass grates only, each.....	0	2	9	Brass grates only.
2½-in. do. do.....	0	2	3	
2-in. do. do.....	0	1	9	
1½-in. brass ferrules.....	0	7	6	Brass ferrules.
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	6	6	
1-in. do. do.....	0	5	0	
¾-in. do. do.....	0	2	6	
2-in. washers and wastes.....	0	10	6	Washers and wastes.
1½-in. do. do.....	0	8	6	
1¼-in. do. do.....	0	6	6	
1-in. do. do.....	0	5	6	
¾-in. do. do.....	0	4	6	
Inch brass bosses, each.....	0	2	9	
¾-in. do.	0	2	3	
½-in. bosses.....	0	1	10	Bosses.
2-inch brass valves, each.....	0	10	6	

		s.	d.
Brass valves.	1½-in. brass valves, each.....	8	6
	1¼-in. do.....	7	6
	1-in. do.....	6	0
	¾-in. do.....	4	6
Copper balls, with iron rods.	1½-in. copper-balls, with rods, complete.....	8	0
	1¼-in. do. do.....	6	0
	1-in. do. do.....	4	6
	¾-in. do. do.....	2	6
	½-in. cocks.....	2	0
Basins.	Plain water-closet basins, each.....	10	0
	Valve do.....	15	0
Brass cocks, &c.	Five shilling stop-cocks or bibb, each.....	6	0
	Five-shilling butt, do.....	6	6
	Four-shilling top bibb or ball, do.....	5	0
	Four-shilling ball-cock, ball-boss, and fixing.....	10	6
	Four-shilling butt.....	5	6
	2-inch stop or fire-cock, per pound.....	1	8
	1½-in. stop-cock, each.....	15	0
	1¼-in. do. do.....	13	0
	1-in. do. do.....	10	0
	Elm-pipes, 4-in. bore, hooped and jointed, at per foot run.....	2	0
Day prices.	Plumber, per day.....	5	6
	Labourer, do.....	4	6
	Solder, per pound.....	1	2
	Wall-hooks, each.....	0	2½

CHAPTER VII.

ON PAINTER'S WORK.

Use of paint
on the outside.

COMMON paint, used in painting the outside of wood and iron-works, together with the interior of our public and private edifices, is considered to be of great service in the preservation of the several materials it covers, as well as being ornamental. Of the utility of paint upon planed wood and wrought-iron, on the outside of buildings, not any doubt can be entertained, inasmuch as the turpentine, oil, and white-lead, mixed together, form an excellent coating for wood that is planed, and iron that is wrought; the latter of which it preserves from rusting, and the former from being injured by the effects of wet and dry weather, or the scorching of the sun's heat; but whether paint be really a preservative to wood in the interior of our habitations, is a question of considerable doubt. From the moment that oak, fir, or any other species of wood, is hewn, it is presumed to be in a state of putrescence, that is, on its course to

Utility of
paint.

final decay; and, in order to preserve it when converted to general purposes, it is painted, with some exceptions, on one side, whether used externally or internally. Fir, oak, or any other description of wood, which is used for internal purposes, and which is not painted, will endure the effects of time much longer than when it is painted; and hence it follows, that paint, in the inside of our buildings, although ornamental, does not, in our opinion, contribute to the duration of the wood; but, on the contrary, in many instances, where the wood is not well seasoned, or is diseased, it accelerates decay, and the effects of what is called the *dry or damp rot*.

Fir or oak will last longer without paint.

For example: Suppose a building, erected with brick or stone, and, so soon as covered in, the walls were lined with deal wainscot partitions, what would be the consequence? The dry-rot; arising from the pores of the wood being saturated with white-lead, oil, and turpentine, which presently becomes very hard; consequently, the latent vegetative powers of the wood are destroyed, and a species of *fungus* rapidly generates on the opposite side next the wall, partly occasioned by the pores of the wood being closed on one side, and partly by the want of a circulating medium of pure atmosphere on the other; and hence it is manifest, that fir, deal, or any other description of wood, which is intended to be painted, should be well seasoned and perfectly dry, whether to be used internally or externally.

Wood subject to dry-rot, under particular circumstances.

Vegetative powers of wood when cut.

Now, after what has been stated, it may appear strange, but nevertheless it is true, that oak, fir, and every other species of forest-wood, which is, or may be, used externally, will last longest without any paint, provided the materials are *not planed*, but are used in their rough state as they come from the sawyer's-pit; the frizly or wiry fibres of the wood upon the external surfaces of rough-sawn boards prevent the wet from penetrating, and the sun's heat from scorching: this species of natural coating to the wood acts, in degrees, similar to the fleece upon the shepherd's flock, which not only protects his herd from the effects of *wet* and *cold*, but also against the effect of the sun's heat: the truth of this is proved by the peasantry of Ireland, who, not only in the winter, but likewise in the summer, wear large woollen coats, which they account for as helping to keep out the summer's scorching heat, and winter's piercing cold. Yet, notwithstanding, what has been said and written upon our subject, paint must be allowed to be extremely grateful and pleasing to the eye, and effects the most agreeable sensation; for, without paper or paint, our modern apartments would present the most dreary aspect. To the paper-maker and painter, therefore, we are greatly indebted for the pleasing and cheerful appearance of our apartments; nor are we less indebted to the residue of our fellow-subjects and artisans in building, who, more or less, contribute to our comforts.

Wood exposed better without paint, if not planed

Comfort of paint and paper.

The greatest portion of painters' works are ascertained in square yards. Every part being measured where the brush touches: it is, however, usual to measure all manner of narrow members by the foot running. For example, surbases, skirtings, &c.; sashes by the dozen, counting both sides, and sash-frames by the piece, reckoning one inside and one outside, that is, when painted on both sides; and iron railings and balusters, by the lengths and girts, in the same manner as if they were painted on both sides.

Modes of measuring painting.

The value of painting dependent on the qualities of white-lead, &c.

The value of painting will, in a great measure, depend upon the qualities of the materials: if the painter converts his white-lead into paint, so soon as it is made, the work will presently turn *yellow*. White-lead, for paint, requires to be kept some time in casks, and should undergo the operation of bleaching; and, if the materials of every denomination to be used in painting are not the best, the works will very soon exhibit the appearances mentioned. The profits upon painters' work are handsome, and such work ought, therefore, to be performed in the best manner, and with the best materials.

Mode of finding the value of paint.

The value of painting should be ascertained by making minute calculations of the quantities of white-lead, turpentine, and oil, which are necessary to perform given numbers of square yards, with references to the age and qualities of the materials; if the admixtures are not proportioned and graduated so as to produce suitable paints of their various denominations, the works will presently shew the poverty of the ingredients, nor will they give the satisfaction required. Painters' works are frequently advertised to be done at 25 and 30 per cent. under the customary measure and value prices; but, if such works are properly executed, and the value honestly ascertained, it will be impossible for any respectable tradesman to make such deductions without great injustice: if the works are well done, and with good materials, they will merit the subsequent prices; but, if badly done, one-half or two-thirds may be a fair consideration. One-third of the value of painting may be estimated for the labour, that is, for common painting; but, for fancy-works, which require great attention, taste, and judgment, two-thirds of the value of the painting will not be more than equivalent for the labour.

Advertising painters.

Great saving in having the work done well.

Painters' works, which are badly performed, will require to be done every other year; if well done, every fourth, fifth, or sixth year, in proportion to the qualities of the materials and workmanship.

AVERAGE PRICES OF PAINTERS' WORKS,

IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND.

		s.	d.
Common painting, per yard.	Common painting once in oil, including knotting and stopping, at per yard	0	4
	Twice do. do.	0	7
	Three times do. do.	0	10½
	Four times do. do.	1	2
On stucco.	Once in oil, on stucco.	0	5
	Do. twice, do.	0	8
	Do. three times, do.	0	11
	Do. four times, do.	1	3
Sanding.	Do. and sanded.	1	6
	Four times done off a ladder, do.	1	8
Carved work	String-boards, newels, and moulded balusters, four times in oil, do.	1	6
	Carved works once in oil, per foot super.	0	3

	s.	d.	
Carved works, twice in oil, per foot super.....	0	4	
Do. thrice in oil, do.....	0	5	
Clear-coal and finished, per yard	0	5	Clear-coal.

If any of the above works are flatted, 4*d.* per yard may be added.

Best green, in distemper, on walls or paper, once done, at per yard	0	6½	Distemper
Do. twice done, do.	0	8½	colours.
Do. three times done, do.	0	10½	

And all others approximating in relative proportions.

Sash-squares once in oil, at per dozen	1	0	Sashes and
Do. twice in oil, do.....	1	6	frames, &c.
Do. three times, do.....	2	0	
Do. four times, do.....	2	6	
Sash-frames once in oil, each.....	1	0	Sash-frames.
Do. twice in oil, do.	1	6	
Do. three times, do.	2	0	
Do. four times, do.	2	6	

If any of the above squares or frames are flatted in the inside, add

5*d.* to each item.

Iron casements according to their sizes, each from 6 <i>d.</i> to.....	0	8	Casements, ,
Window-lights three times in oil, each.....	0	9	lights, &c.
Iron bars, of moderate sizes, each from 1 <i>d.</i> to	0	1½	
Window-sills once in oil, each	0	5	Window-sills,
Do. twice, do.	0	9	average sizes.
Do. three times, do.	0	11	
Window-reveals once in oil, each, at	1	0	Window-re-
Do. twice in oil, do.....	1	6	veals.
Do. three times, do.....	2	0	
Plain skirtings once in oil, per foot run	0	1	Plain skirting,
Do. twice in oil, do.....	0	1½	8-inch wide.
Do. three times, do.....	0	2	
Do. four times, do.	0	3	
Torus skirtings once in oil, do.	0	1½	Torus skirt-
Do. twice, do.....	0	2	ings, 12-inch
Do. three times, do.....	0	2½	wide.
Do. four times, do.	0	3½	
Plain single cornices once in oil, do.	0	2	Cornices, from
Do. twice in oil, do.....	0	2½	6-in. to 9-in.
Do. three times, do.....	0	3	girt, per ft.run.
Do. with fascia, do.....	0	3½	
Cornices, with bed mouldings, do. twice in oil	0	3	
Do. three times in oil, do.	0	4	
Do. with enrichments, do.....	0	5	Water-trunks
Common 5-inch trunks, once in oil	0	1½	do.
Do. twice, do.....	0	2	
Do. three times, do.....	0	3	
Do. four times, do.....	0	4	
Single cornices, twice in oil, per foot run	0	3	

		s.	d.
Outside cornices, from 10-in. to 12-in. girt, per ft. run.	Single cornices, twice in oil, with bed mouldings, per foot run	0	4
	Do. with modillions or dentils, do.	0	5
	Do. to stone-strings, 9-inches wide, do.	0	3
	Fronts of stone-copings, with throatings, do.	0	1
	If three times, in oil, add one-fourth to each of the above prices.		
French greys, blues, greens, grained wainscot, and mahogany.	Twice in oil, grey, per yard	0	9
	Thrice in oil, do. do.	0	11
	Four times, do. do.	1	2
	Twice in oil, blue, do.	0	9½
	Thrice, do. do.	1	0
	Four times, do. do.	1	3
	Twice in oil, green, do.	0	10
	Thrice, do. do.	1	1
	Four times, do. do.	1	4
	Do. varnished, do.	2	2
Wainscot.	Twice in oil, grained wainscot, do.	1	8
	Do. varnished, do.	2	2
	Twice in oil, grained mahogany, do.	2	4
White and rich colours, &c. per yard super.	Do. varnished, do.	2	10
	Painting, done with the best bleached Nottingham lead, once in oil, and flatted dead white, per yard	0	9
	Do. twice in oil, do.	1	0
	Do. thrice do. do.	1	3
Carved work.	Do. four times, do.	1	6
	Once in oil to carved work, per foot super	0	4
	Do. twice do. do.	0	5
	Do. thrice do. do.	0	6
French grey flatted.	Do. four times, do. do.	0	7
	Twice in oil, and flatted French grey, per yard	1	4
	Thrice do. do.	1	7
Blues, do.	Four times do. do.	1	10
	Twice in oil, and flatted blue, do.	1	5
	Three times do. do.	1	8
	Four times do. do.	1	11
Greens, do.	Twice in oil, flatted green, do.	1	6
	If finished with olive green, French grey, or similar expensive colours, add from 4d. to 5d. per yard.		
	Twice in oil, and flatted, including doors, window-shutters, and wainscoting, panels, rails, and stiles, white and blue, per yard	1	10½
Imitations of wood, scientifically performed.	Wainscot or oak, at per foot super	0	3½
	Hondurás mahogany, do.	0	5
	Hispaniola do. do.	0	7½
	Hare or satin-wood, do.	0	5
	Rose-wood, do.	0	10½
	Yew-tree, do.	0	10
Mouldings.	Narrow mouldings in black, per foot run	0	1
	Grained, do. do.	0	1½
	Paneling, do. do.	0	1

	s.	d.	
Broad mouldings, in black, per foot run	0	1½	
Back-shadowed do. do.	0	2	
Vitruvian scrolls, lotus or honeysuckle ornaments, moderate sizes, each at	2	6	Ornaments.
Veined or dove marbling, at per foot super.....	0	3½	
Brocatella or Sienna, do.....	0	6	Marbles.
Verd antique, do.....	1	2	
Venetian marble.....	0	7	
Best copal varnishing, per yard	0	9	Varnishing
Do. twice, do.	1	6	
Do. thrice, do.....	2	3	
Best spirit varnishing, per yard	0	10	
Do. twice, do.....	1	8	
Cleaning and varnishing, at per yard.....	1	2	Cleaning and varnishing.
Do. moderate sized squares, per dozen	1	2	
Do. larger, do.	1	4	
Do. size larger, do.	1	6	
Window beads, per set, to 12 square windows.....	0	4	
Do. sets of beads, including pulleys	0	8	
Common plain letters or figures, at per inch.....	0	0½	Plain writing
Sunk do. do.....	0	1	in sunk letters, gilt do., &c.
Sunk or shadowed letters, &c. three colours, at per inch.....	0	1½	
Gilt letters under 3 inches, do.....	0	2	Gilding.
Do. from 3 to 6 inches, do.	0	2½	
Do. from 6 to 9 inches, do.....	0	3	
Do. from 9 to 12 inches, do.	0	3½	
When shadowed, add one half-penny; and, when double shadowed, one penny.			
Newells, hand-rails, base and surbase mouldings, once in oil, per foot run	0	1	Newells, hand- rails, base and surbase
Twice do. do.....	0	1½	mouldings.
Thrice do. do.....	0	2	
Four times, do.....	0	2½	
Hand-rails grained, do.....	0	3	
Do. and varnished, do.....	0	5	
Painter, per day, in London	5	6	Painters' day prices in Lon- don.
White lead, per lb.....	0	9	
Putty, per do.	0	6	
Brushes, each	3	0	Tools, &c.
Tools, do.	1	4	
Prepared oil, per quart	2	4	
Turpentine, do.	4	4	

Common *Stone, Cream, Lead, Pearl, and Chocolate*, colours, should be all *Party-colours* charged after the same ratio, as common painting; which works, together with the preceding, are performed by all the most respectable painters, paper-hangers, and decorators, at the before-mentioned rates, both in town and country.

CHAPTER VIII.

ON GLAZIERS' WORK.

How to value
panes or quar-
ries.

Method of
valuing in
some parts of
England, &c.

On measuring
circular work.

Bent-glass;
how charged,
and mode of
burning.

Qualities of
Plate-glass.

GLAZIERS' works are uniformly measured in feet, inches, and parts, and the true contents obtained by duodecimals, and the value arithmetically obtained in proportion to the number of superficial feet and inches, &c. contained in each of the panes or quarries. In considering the net worth of glass, references must be made to the prime cost, as well as to the exact sizes of each of the panes, with their respective superficial contents, which considered, together with the fair profits, should constitute the average prices: and it ought to be remembered that each of the panes should be measured separately, exclusive of the sash bars, and more especially where adequate prices are claimed, proportionate to the sizes of the panes, as in manner described. It is the custom, in many parts of the kingdom, to measure the entire sizes of the sashes, including all the wood work, for the quantities of glass, and to charge the superficial contents, as if the apertures were all fitted in with glass; and this custom is not only prevalent in Ireland, but also in many parts of England, Scotland, and Wales. The practice appears absurd to those accustomed to measure the net quantities; yet it is speciously justified in the parts adverted to, and sustained where permitted, upon the principle that the prices are uniformly the same for all the sizes of Newcastle glass used, &c.; that is, with reference to the qualities, which are usually identified in the places alluded to by the letters A, B, and C: the letter A denoting the *first* quality, the letter B the *second* quality, and the letter C the *third*. But without risk, we may venture to state that, in every part of the kingdom, it is usual, in measuring circular fan-lights, oval and all manner of circular windows, to measure the compartments of glass in the widest parts, as if the panes were cut for square windows; because, in cutting out the irregular compartments of glass for such apertures, there is much waste, and far more time expended, than if the windows were square: this custom is rational, and should always be complied with.

The qualities of *Bent*, *Plate*, *German*, and *Moulded Glass*, are each charged according to their respective qualities, as well as sizes. The panes of bent-glass are charged in proportion to the quickness of their curvatures; for in the operation of bending glass, which is performed by means of heat, the risk is considerable, where the curves are very quick; and in proportion to the risk the prices should increase. The value, therefore, of bent-glass will be sometimes *double*, *treble*, or *quadruple*, the prices of straight glass.

Within the last twenty or thirty years Plate-Glass has become very much the fashion, insomuch as to supersede the use of the best White London-Crown, which, when it was manufactured and in use, was considered far superior to our best Newcastle-Glass, which is now used for almost every description of glazing, where Plate-Glass is not introduced. The qualities of this glass are con-

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spicuous to persons accustomed to examine the goodness of materials, and, in many instances, must be apparent to the common observer. The best description is recognized for its clearness as well as richness, and it is also free from the peculiar redness adverted to, which approximates to the colour of scarlet water, made by lake, and which, on being mixed or diluted in clear cold spring water, resembles the blushing faded rose. The value of British Plate-Glass, cast to the sizes ordered, increases very rapidly, and in arithmetical proportions with their sizes, according to fractional parts, which has rendered it necessary for the manufacturers to publish a regular tariff, or book of prices, to which our friends are referred, as well as to the agent of the British Plate-Glass Company, on the Surrey side of Blackfriars' Bridge, London, where every information upon the subject of Plate-Glass may be speedily acquired.

Value of
British Plate-
glass.

Squares or panes of Plate-Glass, containing from three to four superficial feet, are worth from 16s. to 18s.; from two to three feet, are equal in worth to 14s. or 16s.; and from one to two feet are equal in worth to 12s. or 14s. or thereabouts.

Value of Plate-
glass, accord-
ing to sizes.

German Plate-Glass is nearly of the same quality as the best Newcastle; and in cases where the squares or panes of glass cannot be obtained out of the tables, the latter, *German-Plate*, is invariably introduced, it being manufactured upon such principles as to obtain squares of larger dimensions; consequently, the prices for it are regulated accordingly.

Qualities of
German Plate-
glass.

As to Moulded or Waved-Glass, it is not, at present, much in use; but where strength is required, it is far superior to Ground-Glass, and answers the same purpose, by admitting the light, and, at the same time, rendering the apartments extremely private and serene.

Moulded or
Waved-glass.

Stained glass, within the last forty years, has increased in reputation; and, notwithstanding the prejudice entertained against our modern artists, it is confidently asserted, that the pages of history cannot boast of works in Stained-Glass superior to those executed under the auspices of our late revered Sovereign, George the Third, who, during his reign, caused the Fine Arts to be raised to an elevation unknown in the annals of British History. Stained glass is sold by weight, proportioned to the colours of *Red, Blue, Yellow*, or *Claude Lorraine*; but where historical subjects are introduced, as in the windows of our churches and chapels, they are valued in proportion to their merit, by artists duly qualified. Mr. BACKLER, of Newman Street, London, ranks very high in this department of the art.

Use of Stain-
ed-glass: pa-
tronized by
Geo. III.

AVERAGE PRICES OF GLAZIERS' WORKS,

IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND.

	s.	d.	
THE best Newcastle Crown-glass, in squares, from 3 feet super and upwards.....	3	8	Best Newcas- tle-glass.
Do. from 3 feet to 2 ft. 6 in.....	3	4	
Do. from 2 ft. 6 in. to 2 feet.....	3	2	

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		s.	d.
	The best Newcastle Crown-glass, in squares, under 2 feet.....	3	0
Second best.	The second best Newcastle Crown-glass, from 3 feet super. and upwards	3	2
	Do. from 3 feet to 2 feet 6 in.....	3	0
	Do. from 2 ft. 6 in. to 2 feet.....	2	9
	Do. under 2 feet.....	2	6
Third best.	The third best Newcastle Crown-glass, from 3 feet super. and upwards..	2	8
	Do. from 3 feet to 2 feet 6 in., do.....	2	6
	Do. from 2 ft. 6 to 2 feet, do.....	2	4
	Do. under 2 feet, do.....	2	2
Best Newcastle glass in old sashes.	Best Newcastle Crown-glass, stopped, in old sashes, at per foot super, under 3 feet.....	4	0
	Do. from 3 feet to 2 ft. 6 in., do.....	3	8
	Do. from 2 ft. 6 in. to 2 ft., do.....	3	4
	Do. under 2 feet, do.....	3	0
Green Newcastle-glass.	Green Newcastle-glass, per foot super.....	1	8
	Do. in old sashes, do.....	2	0
Ground-glass.	Ground-glass, from 3 feet to 2 ft. 6 in., per foot super.....	5	3
	Do. from 2 ft. 6 in. to 2 feet, do.....	4	10
	Do. 2 feet square, do.....	4	5
	Waved-glass, do.....	4	0
Lead-lights.	In quarries, per foot super, with the best glass.....	1	6
	Do. in quarries, under 8 in. by 6 in.	1	4
	Green Newcastle squares, under 7 in. by 5 in., old lights, each	0	3
	Do. 7 in. by 5 in. up to 8 in. by 6 in., do.....	0	5
	Do. above 8 in. by 6 in. up to 9 in. by 7 in., do.	0	7
Lead-work.	Do. above 9 in. by 7 in. up to 10 in. by 8½ in., do.....	0	9
	New leading old lights, per foot super.....	0	8
	Repairing and part leading, do.....	0	5
	Repairing only, do.....	0	3
Cement, pinning, &c.	Cementing sky-lights, do.....	0	3½
	Repairing do. only, do.....	0	1½
	Pining casements, each.....	0	9
	Puttying windows or skylights, on both sides, per dozen squares.....	1	9
	Do. on one side only	0	6
Window cleaning.	Cleaning 12-squared windows of all sizes, on the average, and in proportion to the number of squares, each	0	8
	Do. Wyatt or Venetian, do.....	1	2
	Do. ordinary sized lead lights, do.....	0	4
Day-work.	Glazier, per day, in London.....	5	6
	Putty, per pound.....	0	5
Prime cost of Newcastle-glass.	The average prime cost of the best Newcastle crown window-glass, in crates, each containing 12 tables, is from 10 guineas up to £10. 15s. and £11.		
	Prime cost of the second best do., each containing 15 tables, from £11. up to £12.		
	Prime cost of the third best do., each containing 18 tables, from 11 guineas up to £12.		

Prime cost of green glass, each containing also 18 tables, from £10. up to 10 guineas.

The best stained glass is worth from 6s. to 7s., 8s., and 9s. per pound; and the blue colour, we believe, is the dearest. The *Claude Lorraine* stained glass is of an orange or lemon colour, and is named after the celebrated landscape-painter of that name, whose skies are remarkable, from being uniformly painted of a warm yellow tint, approximating the hue of the sky at sun-set or sun-rise.

CHAPTER IX.

ON SMITHS' WORK.

IRON, which is the most useful metal that has been discovered, cannot be too highly estimated, and, as far as regards its general utility, too much cannot be said in praise of it. The Swedish iron is preferable to the English for some purposes; and the smiths, who are in general intelligent men, account for it by proving, that the grain of the metal is more pure, and less liable to be broken. Its qualities may be ascertained by comparison: for example, let a bar of Swedish and one of English iron be severed, at the same time, asunder, and by comparing the grain of each metal, it will be presently seen whether the Swedish or English iron be of a superior quality; the grain of the former is generally *fine* and *silvery*, but that of the latter comparatively *coarse*, and evidently not possessing the same genuine properties. English iron is, nevertheless, a metal which will ever be considered very valuable, inasmuch as it answers every purpose that can be required; but for ornamental iron-work the Swedish metal is, by scientific men, preferred, inasmuch as it is tougher and more pliable to the fancy of the ornamental smith, who, for certain kinds of work performed with it, claims a high price per pound.

A cubic inch of Swedish iron weighs exactly four ounces; a cubic inch of English iron rather less, an evident proof of a difference in the specific qualities.

Cast-iron is now used for all manner of purposes about building, and claims particular attention. The prices per hundred weight differ according to the patterns of the casting, as well as the thickness of the several articles, which are formed with the metal.

Smith's work is charged by the pound, or the hundred weight of 112 pounds; and the value of it is regulated, in a great measure, by the market price of English and Swedish bar and pig-iron per ton. The prices of coals will also serve to enhance the value of wrought and cast iron: in some parts of the kingdom coals are very scarce, and consequently iron-work in those parts must be proportionately dear.

Price of Stained-glass

To prove the qualities of Swedish and English iron.

Swedish iron preferred for ornamental work.

Value of cast-iron.

Iron regulated by the market price.

AVERAGE PRICES OF IRON-WORK, IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, AND SCOTLAND.

		s.	d.
Palisadoes.	WROUGHT iron palisadoes, chimney-bars, and other large hammered work of English iron, at per pound.....	0	5½
	Smaller hammered work, made of Swedish iron, do.....	0	8
Iron doors.	English wrought-iron doors, similar to those described in the Act of Parliament, for dividing warehouses, &c. do.....	0	10
	Do. window-shutter bars, do.....	0	10
Shutters, &c.	Do. ash-grates, casements, cross window, and saddle bars, do.....	0	8½
	Do. cramps, holdfasts, dogs, gudgeons, hoops, and pump-work, do.....	0	6
	Do. nuts and screw-bolts, do.....	0	8
Casements, stay-bars, &c.	Do. wrought-iron casements to windows, with stays to the same, saddle-bars, pins, hooks, and street-door chains, &c.....	0	8½
Ornamental work in Swedish iron.	Ornamental iron-work to stairs, scrolls, gates, lamp-irons, brackets, &c. made with Swedish iron, according to the ingenuity of workmanship, from 10d. per pound, to 12d., 14d., 16d., 18d., and	1	8
Cast-iron in bars, &c.	Cast-iron bars to prison windows, cast-iron railings, sash-weights, and similar sorts of cast-iron work, per cwt.....	14	0
Columns, &c.	Cast-iron columns, of various descriptions, per hundred weight, from 15s., 16s., 17s., 18s., 19s., and	1	0 0
Nails, &c.	For the prices of nails, screws, hinges, locks, &c. refer to the Master-Carpenters' and Joiners' Prices for Day-work, in pages 48-51.		
	One foot run of bar-iron, one inch square, weighs about 3½ pounds.		
	Do. two inches square, about 14 pounds.		
	Do. three inches square, about 31½ pounds.		
Market price.	English iron, £13. per ton; Swedish do. £19. per ton, prime cost.		

ON COPPERSMITHS' WORK, IN LONDON, &c.

On the value of copper.

COPPER is a very neat light covering upon inclined planes; and, considering at all times its intrinsic worth, cannot be considered as a dear article for sheathing. It is an excellent substitute for lead in particular places, and most desirable upon spires of churches, cupolas, turrets, and similar structures, where the wet is not likely to corrode the metal: it is very durable, and when painted and judiciously sanded, to imitate Portland, Bath, or any other sort of free-stone, it presents a very pleasing effect. The quantities and value is ascertained by measuring the superficial contents in feet and inches, in which measurements must be included all manner of laps.

Bath and Portland stone.

Average Prices of Coppersmiths' Works.

	s.	d.	
If the weight of the copper in sheets is 12 ounces to the pound, per foot super.....	1	7	Value of copper by the weight, &c.
If 14 ounces, do.....	1	10	
If 16 ounces, do.....	2	0	
Sheets of copper, 52 inches by 26 inches, weigh eight pounds, or thereabouts, 1s. 2d. per lb. prime cost.			Sizes of sheets of copper, 52 inch, by 26 in.
Copper-pipes, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches bore, per foot run.....	1	5	Pipes, sizes, &c.
Do. 3-in. bore, do.....	1	10	
Do. $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. bore, do.....	2	2	
Do. 4-in. bore, do.....	2	5	
Copper-tinned coverings, 20 ounces to the superficial square foot.....	3	0	Tinned copper, sizes, &c.
Do. 18-in. do.....	2	9	
Do. 16-in. do.....	2	8	
Sheet brass, from £.160 to £.165 per cwt.			

Wire-Workers' average Prices, for such Works as are used in Buildings, in London, &c.

Strong iron wire-work to inclose safes, pantries, larders, &c., at per foot superficial, from 1s. 10d. to 2s., 2s. 2d., 2s. 4d., and 2s. 6d.	Iron-wire safes, pantries, and larders.
Copper do. from 3s. 9d. to 4s., 4s. 3d., and 4s. 6d. per foot super.	Copper-wire.
Brass do. of various patterns, from 3s. 6d. to 4s., 4s. 6d., and 5s. per foot super, used in book-cases, boudoirs, and all manner of fancy-rooms.	Brass do. Bookcases, &c.

ON PAPER-HANGERS' WORK, IN LONDON, &c.

The prices, per yard, for paper, are various, from 4d. to 5d., 6d., 7d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 11d., and 12d., up to 5s. and more; and the bordering in the same ratio. Prices of paper various.

Paper for hanging rooms is only 20 inches wide; consequently, 3 feet or 36 inches is equal to a yard, lineal measure, multiplied by 20, is equal to 720 inches, which is a yard super of paper, equal to 5 feet, superficial measure: if any number of superficial feet is multiplied by 5, it will produce the number of five feet one yard of paper-hanging.

superficial yards of paper there is in a room, passage, or staircase. Bordering to papered rooms must be measured in the same way, with reference to their widths. The price for hanging paper, including all expenses, is 1s. 6d. per piece for 12 yards, running measure; that is, 20 inches wide: and for flock-papers, after the rate of 3s. 6d. per piece, and the bordering in the same proportion.

ADDITIONAL PLATES GIVEN IN THIS WORK.

AS Frontispiece to the "BUILDER'S PRICE-BOOK" is given the plan and elevation of a castellated Villa, drawn by Mr. MICHAEL ANGELO NICHOLSON, from a design by Mr. ELSAM, who, in the course of this Work, has taken every occasion to elucidate the prices of all such works as are performed in similar or other buildings.

The plan and elevation above adverted to, was prepared, in the year 1808, for Mr. ALDERMAN JOHN CLAUDIUS BERESFORD, of Dublin, and of Learmont, in the county of Derry, in the North of Ireland. The Plan, which is considered *nouvelle*, was formed to suit some delightful romantic views, and, at the same time, to unite with part of an old favourite cottage, which is appropriated to the butler's-room and servants'-hall; the *reere* of which consists of a kitchen, housekeeper's-room, a series of servants' bed-chambers, &c. The principal front, as represented, is three stories high. The ground story comprises three handsome apartments, *en suite*, consisting of dining-room, library, and drawing-room, connected with a vestibule at the entrance, and a conservatory at the extremity. There is likewise provided a handsome geometrical staircase, connecting the old and new parts. The basement story comprises a magisterial-room and clerk's-office, with a few select apartments for children, nurses, governesses, &c.; and the one-pair floor comprises three capital bed-chambers, with dressing-rooms, &c., making altogether a gentleman's elegant compact country residence, upon a moderate scale.

The second Plate serves to explain the prices upon the sawing and land-carriage of 10-feet deals, and which should be placed opposite page 88; it illustrates, in the clearest manner, the ratios of charges which are incorporated in the prices of deals.

The plate comprising *Elevations of three First-rate Houses, in reference to the Building-Act*, is intended to illustrate the description of houses which are referred to; and, in order to convey to those who are not particularly conversant in designing clusters of such buildings, we have given a few specimens of plain elevations: and, in pursuance of such intentions, the Building-Act is further illustrated by the plate comprising *Elevations of a series of First and Second-rate Houses, in reference to the Building-Act*, consisting of four first-rate houses and two second-rate houses: and the said Act is also further elucidated by the plate which exhibits *Elevations of four Third-rate Houses*, being the front of Cardigan Place, Kennington-Cross, near London, built for Thomas Evans, Esq., in 1806; and by an *Elevation of a Third and two Fourth-rate Houses*, represented in the same plate, and built in the same year, by Mr. ELSAM, on the estate of Sir Robert Clayton, Bart., and known as the Villa-House, or Buildings, near Vauxhall, in the county of Surrey.

The three last-mentioned Plates of Rates of Houses to be placed opposite this page.

The plates representing the Sections of Party and External Walls to *first, second, third, and fourth-rate* buildings, with the plans of chimnies, &c., are comprised in three intelligent plates, already given in the Practical Builder, and numbered LXXXVII, LXXXVIII, LXXXIX, which fully explain the true intent and meaning of the Act of Parliament, as regards the thicknesses of party and external walls; the further particulars of which will be found minutely explained in our copious Abstract of the Building-Act.

✍ WE beg leave to inform our numerous Subscribers and Friends, that the Building-Act, above referred to, which relates to the construction of all manner of edifices in the cities of London and Westminster, &c. being considered a desideratum, an additional Number, price One Shilling, is published, comprising a copious Abstract of every Clause in the said Act, the Paving Act, Duties on Windows, &c. essential to be understood by all persons concerned in the Art of Building: including, a correct List of the District-Surveyors, and their places of residence, &c. &c.

A COPIOUS ABSTRACT OF THE BUILDING ACT,

For the better Regulation of Buildings, and for the more effectually preventing Mischiefs by Fire, within the Cities of London and Westminster,—the Weekly Bills of Mortality,—the Parishes of St. Mary-la-Bonne, Paddington, St. Pancras, and St. Luke's, Chelsea.

THIS Act was passed in the 14th of Geo. III., in the year 1774, and reduces into one, all former acts relative to Building, within the places specified. It therefore can only be recognized as a local act, or be judicially taken notice of as respects the interests of the cities of London, Westminster, and the borough of Southwark, &c. ; but with respect to the salutary principles and regulations contained in the said act, we may venture to state, without the fear of being contradicted by any, except the *prejudiced*, that the Building Act is not only worthy of being adopted in every great city and town throughout the empire, but that it is likewise a fit and proper subject for the study and consideration of every master-builder, workman, or other person who is, or may hereafter be, concerned in building, in any part of the King's dominions, or elsewhere.

The act now under consideration, we are confidently informed, was prepared by the late Sir Robert Taylor, who, during his time, was architect of the Bank of England, and was considered a gentleman of great talent; and although many of his works, in the building alluded to, have been recently removed, yet we are not prepared to say how far, in point of taste, the subsequent much-admired alterations, opposite the Bank-buildings, are for the best, but shall contend, at any rate, that the public is indebted to Sir Robert Taylor for the Building act; and to his son, Mr. Michael Angelo Taylor, M.P. for the new Paving act, both of which, in our opinion, are entitled to the highest consideration in the mind of every British subject who is disposed to set a proper value upon what is wisely carried into effect by the Legislature, for the general benefit of this great and thriving city.

The building act is complained of as being extremely *verbose*, and so are most Acts of Parliament, but this does not lessen their value: it is true, that the act now before us, there appears some inconsistencies as to the mode of ascertaining the rates of buildings; but, as regards the interest of the public, it has been wisely provided for by the discretionary power vested in the good sense of the magistrates and intelligent district-surveyors. The act has now been in force upwards of fifty years, during which period one-fourth of London has been built, and numberless fires prevented by the improved mode of building stipulated for in the act; with all its faults, therefore, we hope it will remain in *statu quo*, subject to the good sense of district-surveyors, who are under the controul of the Magistrates for the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey, together with the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of London.

BY THIS ACT, BUILDINGS ARE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN RATES, OR CLASSES, AS FOLLOWS :

In reference to the first-rate buildings, it is enacted, "That every church, chapel, meeting-house, and other place of public worship, and every house or building for distilling and brewing of liquor for sale; for making of soap, for melting of tallow, for dying, for boiling, or distilling turpentine, for casting-

Chemists,
sugar-refiners,
warehouses,
&c. &c.
Fifth, sixth,
and seventh,
rates,
31 feet high
above pave-
ment.

brass or iron, for refining of sugar, for making of glass for chemical works for sale, of what dimension soever the same respectively are or may be; and also every warehouse and other building whatsoever, not being a dwelling-house, now built or hereafter to be built, (except such buildings as are herein particularly declared to be of the *fifth, sixth, or seventh*, rate or class of buildings,) which does, or shall exceed, three clear stories above ground, exclusive of the rooms (if any) in the roofs, or which is or shall be of the height of thirty-one feet from the surface of the pavement-ground, or way, above the area before either of the fronts to the top of the blocking-course, or the coping on the parapet; and every dwelling-house, now built, or hereafter to be built, which, with the offices belonging and adjoining, or connected, otherwise than by a fence or fence-wall, or covered passage, open on one or both sides when finished, does or shall exceed the value of £850.; and also every dwelling-house which does or shall exceed nine squares of building on the ground-floor, each square, containing 100 superficial feet, shall be deemed the *first-rate*, or class of building, and must be built in the subsequent manner."

Thickness of
external walls
to the first-
rate,
2½ bricks at
foundations,
or 1 ft. 9½ in.

And it is also enacted, "That every front, side, end, or other *EXTERNAL* wall, not being a *party-wall*, which shall be built, to any *first-rate* building, or to any addition thereto, or enlargement thereof, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of 2½ bricks in length, or 1 ft. 9½ in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish, on each side of the wall, 2¼ inches to the top of the footing, which shall be 9 inches high at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement or flooring-boards of the cellar-story two inches at the least, and every such wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 ft. 5½ in. at the least, up to the under side of the plate, under the roof or gutter of every such building, and from thence of the thickness of one brick in length, or 8½ inches, at the least, up to the under side of the blocking-course, or coping, on the parapet, except such parts of every such wall, as shall be wholly of stone, which parts being of stone, shall be of the thickness of 14 inches at the least, below the ground-floor, and of 9 inches at the least above the ground-floor, and except all recesses above the ground-floor in the said walls, which shall be arched over in every story, so that the arch, at the back of such recess, shall be respectively of the thickness of one brick in length, or 8½ inches, at the least."—(*Vide the Plate.*)

Thickness of
party-walls to
first-rate
buildings,
3½ bricks, or
2 ft. 6½ in.
foundations.

And it is also enacted, "That every *party-wall* to any first-rate building, addition, or enlargement, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of 3½ bricks in length, or 2 ft. 6½ in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish on each side of the wall 4½ in. to the top of the footing, which shall be one foot high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement and flooring-boards of the cellar-story, two inches at the least; and every such party-wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of 2½ bricks in length, or 1 ft. 9½ in. at the least, up to the under side of the ground-floor; and from thence of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 ft. 5½ in. at the least, up to the under side of the floor of the rooms (if any) in the roof of the highest building adjoining to such party-wall; and from thence of the thickness of 1½ brick in length, or 15 inches, at the least, up to the top of every such party-wall, being the height of 18 inches, in every part above the square of the rafter of the highest building adjoining, and one foot above the gutters."

Vide the plates
of party-walls,
&c.

For the further elucidation of the thicknesses of external and party-walls, &c., the reader is requested to refer to the engraved plates, already given in '*The Practical Builder*,' before and subsequently alluded to.

Second-rate
buildings.

And it is also enacted, "That every warehouse, stable, and other building, not being a dwelling-house, except such buildings as are herein particularly declared to be of the first, fifth, sixth, or seventh, rate or class of building, now built or hereafter to be built, which does or shall exceed two clear stories, and shall not contain more than three clear stories, above ground, exclusive of the rooms (if any) in the roof, or which is, or shall be, of the height of 22 feet, and

shall not be of the height of 31 feet, from the surface of the pavement, above the area before either of the fronts, to the top of the blocking-course or coping on the parapet; and every dwelling-house, now built, or hereafter to be built, which, with the offices belonging and adjoining, or connected otherwise than by a fence or fence-wall, or covered passage, open on one or both sides when finished, does or shall exceed the value of £300., and shall not amount to more than £850.; and also every dwelling-house, which does or shall exceed five squares of building on the ground plan, and shall not amount to more than nine squares of building on the ground plan, shall be deemed the *second-rate* of building, and must be built in the subsequent manner."

And it is also enacted, "That every front, side, or other *external wall*, (not being a party-wall,) which shall be built to any second-rate building, or to any addition or enlargement, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 ft. 5½ in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish on each side of the wall 2¼ inches to the top of the footing, except where any immediate adjoining building will not admit of such footing, in which case such footing shall be made as near to the dimensions directed as possible, and which footing shall be 9 inches high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement, or flooring-boards of the cellar-story, 2 inches at the least; and every such wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of 1½ brick, or 13 inches at the least, up to the under side of the one-pair floor, and from thence of the thickness of one brick in length, or 8½ inches at the least, up to the under side of the blocking-course, or the coping on the parapet of every such second-rate, except such parts of walls, being above the ground-floor, as shall be wholly of stone, which parts of stone shall be of the thickness of 9 inches at the least, and except all recesses above the ground-floor in the said walls, which shall be arched over, so that the arches and the backs of the recesses shall respectively be of the thickness of one brick, in length, or 8½ inches at the least."—(*Vide the Plate.*)

And it is also enacted, "That every *party-wall*, which shall be built to any second-rate building, or to any addition or enlargement, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of 3½ bricks, or 7 ft. 6½ in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish on each side of the wall 4½ inches to the top of the footing of every such wall, which footing shall be 9 inches high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement, or flooring-boards of the cellar story, 2 inches at the least; and every such party-wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of 2½ bricks in length, or 1 ft. 9½ in. at the least, up to the under side of the ground-floor, and from thence of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 ft. 5½ in. at the least, up to the under side of the floor of the two-pair; and from thence of the thickness of 1½ brick in length, or 13 inches at the least, up to the top of every party-wall, being of the height of 18 inches in every part above the square of the rafters of the highest building adjoining, and one foot above the gutters."—(*Vide the Plate.*)

And it is also enacted, "That every warehouse, stable, and other building, not being a dwelling-house, except such buildings as are herein particularly declared to be of the *first, fifth, sixth, or seventh*, rates of building, now built or hereafter to be built, which does or shall exceed one clear story, and shall not contain more than two clear stories above ground, exclusive of the rooms (if any) in the roof, or which is, or shall be, of the height of more than 13 feet, and shall not be of the height of 22 feet, from the surface of the pavement above the area before either of the fronts, to the top of the blocking-course, or the coping on the parapet; and every dwelling-house now built, or hereafter to be built, which, with the offices belonging and adjoining, or connected otherwise than by a fence or fence-wall, or covered passage, open on one side or both sides, when finished, does or shall exceed the value of £150., and shall not amount to more than £300.; and also every dwelling-house, which does or shall exceed 3½ squares of building on the ground plan, and shall not amount to more than five

Thickness of
external walls
to second-
rate buildings,
2 bricks, or
1 ft. 5½ in.

Thickness of
party-walls to
second-rate
buildings,
3½ bricks, or
7 ft. 6½ in.

Third-rate of
buildings.

squares on the ground plan, shall be deemed the *third-rate* of building, and must be built in the subsequent manner."

Thickness of
external walls
to the third-
rate buildings,
2 bricks, or
1 ft. 5½ in.

And it is also enacted, "That every front, side, end, or other *external wall*, (not being a *party-wall*), which shall be built to any third-rate building, or to any addition or enlargement, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 ft. 5½ in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish on each side of the wall, except where any immediate adjoining buildings will not admit of such footing being made on the side of such wall, in which case, such footings shall be made as near to the dimensions herein directed as possible, and which footings shall be six inches high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement, or flooring-boards of the cellar story, two inches at the least; and every such wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of one brick in length, or 8½ inches, at the least, up to the under side of the blocking-course, or the parapet, of every *third-rate* building."

Thickness of
party-walls to
third-rate
buildings,
3 bricks, or
2 ft. 2 in.

And it is also enacted, "That every *party-wall* which shall be built to any third-rate building, or to any addition or enlargement, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of three bricks in length, or 2 ft. 2 in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish, on each side of the wall, 4½ inches, to the top of the footing of every such wall, which footing shall be 9 inches high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement or flooring-boards of the cellar story, 2 inches at the least; and every such party-wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 foot 5½ inches, at the least, up to the under side of the ground-floor; and from thence of the thickness of 1½ brick in length, or 13 inches, at the least, up to the top of every such party-wall, being the height of 18 inches, in every part above the square of the rafters of the highest building adjoining, and one foot above the gutters."—(*Vide the Plate.*)

Fourth-rate
buildings.

And it is also enacted, "That every warehouse, stable, and other building, not being a dwelling-house, except such buildings as are herein particularly declared to be of the first, fifth, sixth, or seventh, rates of building, now built or hereafter to be built, which does not, or shall not, exceed one clear story above ground, exclusive of the rooms (if any) in the roof, or which is not, or shall not be, of the height of more than 13 feet, from the surface of the pavement above the area before either of the fronts, to the top of the blocking-course, or coping, on the parapet; and every dwelling-house now built, or hereafter to be built, which, with the offices belonging and adjoining, or connected otherwise than by a fence, or a party fence-wall, or covered passage, open on one or both sides, when finished, does not, nor shall not, exceed the value of £150.; and also every dwelling-house, which does not, or shall not, exceed 3½ squares of building, on the ground plan thereof, shall be deemed to be of the *fourth-rate* of building, and must be built in the subsequent manner."

Thickness of
external walls
to fourth-rate
buildings,
2 bricks, or
1 ft. 5½ in.

And it is also enacted, "That every front, side, end, or *external wall*, which shall be built to any fourth-rate building, or to any addition or enlargement, shall be built, at the foundation, of the thickness of two bricks in length, or 1 ft. 5½ in. at the least, and shall from thence gradually diminish, on each side of the wall, 2½ inches, to the top of the footing, except where any immediate adjoining building will not admit of such footing; in which case, such footing shall be made as near the dimensions herein directed as possible, and which footing shall be six inches high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement, or flooring-boards, of the cellar story, two inches, at the least, and every such wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of 1½ brick, in length, or 13 inches, at the least, up to the under side of the ground-floor; and from thence of the thickness of one brick in length, or 8½ inches, at the least, up to the under side of the blocking-course, or coping, on the parapet, of every *fourth-rate* building."

Thickness of
party-walls,
&c.

And it is also enacted, "That every *party-wall*, which shall be built to any fourth-rate building, or to any addition or enlargement, shall be built, at the

foundation, of the thickness of two bricks, in length, or 1 ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. at the least; and shall from thence gradually diminish, on each side of the wall, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, to the top of the footing, which shall be 9 inches high, at the least, and wholly below the upper surface of the pavement or flooring-boards of the cellar story, 2 inches, at the least; and every such party-wall shall, from the top of such footing, be of the thickness of $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick, in length, or 13 inches, at the least, up to the under side of the ground-floor, and from thence of the thickness of one brick, in length, or $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, at the least, up to the top of such party-wall, being the height of 18 inches, in every part above the square of the rafters or the highest building adjoining, and one foot above the gutters."—(*Vide the Plate.*)

Thickness of party-walls to fourth-rate buildings.

And it is also enacted, "That every dwelling-house, warehouse, stable, or other building, except such buildings not being dwelling-houses, as are herein before particularly declared to be of the *first* or *seventh* rate of building, which is, or shall be, at the distance of 4 feet, and not 8 feet, from any public road, street, or causeway, and is or shall be detached from any other building not in same possession therewith, 16 feet, at the least, and not 30 feet, or connected with any other building only by a fence, or fence-wall, shall be deemed of the *fifth-rate* of building, and shall and may be built of any dimensions whatever."

Description of fifth-rate buildings.

And it is also enacted, "That every dwelling-house, warehouse, stable, and other building, &c. except such buildings not being dwelling-houses, as are herein before particularly declared to be of the *first-rate* of building, which is or shall be at the distance of eight feet from any public road, street, or causeway, and is or shall be detached from any other building, not in the same possession, at least thirty feet, or connected with any other building only by a fence or fence-wall, shall be deemed to be of the *sixth-rate* of building, and shall and may be built of any dimensions, and with any materials whatever."

Of sixth-rate buildings.

And it is also enacted, "That every crane-house now built, or hereafter to be built, on any wharf or quay, and every shamble, wind-mill, or water-mill, and also every building which is or shall be situated without the Cities of *London* and *Westminster* and the Liberties thereof, used for workshops, or drying places for Tanners, Fellmongers, Glue-makers, Size-makers, Calico-printers, Whisters, Whiting-makers, Curriers, Leather-dressers, Buckram-stiffeners, Oil-cloth painters, Wool-staplers, Throwsters, Parchment-makers, and Paper-makers, so long and at such times as they are or shall be used for some or one of those purposes and no longer, shall be deemed the *seventh-rate* of building, and may be built of any dimensions whatever."

Of seventh-rate buildings.

And it is also enacted, "That after the 24th of June, 1774, no crane-house or other building of the *seventh-rate* of building or any external part thereof, shall be covered with pitch, tar, or any other inflammable composition or material whatever, nor shall be converted to any use than as aforesaid."

Pitch, &c. not to be used on crane houses.

And it is also enacted, "That crane-houses shall be built, together with additions or enlargements, either with stone, brick, slate, tile, oak, elm, steel, iron, or brass; but every other building of the *seventh-rate* may be erected of any materials whatever."

Materials of crane-houses.

Detached offices are deemed of the same rate, as if independent of any other building, only being connected by a fence or fence-wall, or covered passage, open on one or both sides.

Detached offices.

Party-walls to be between house and house, and other buildings, except in such parts where each have independent walls.

Party-walls to houses.

All party-walls above four stories high to be built as of the *first-rate*.

Party-walls to fourth-rate houses, being four stories high, to be built as of the *third-rate*.

And it is also enacted, "That every internal inclosure to be made for separating any building of the *first*, *second*, *third*, or *fourth*, rate or class of building from any other building where such buildings shall be in separate occupations, and every addition or enlargement to such internal inclosures shall be of brick or stone, or artificial stone or stucco, or of brick and stone or artificial stone or

Materials in divisions of different occupations.

- stucco together, except such timber, wood, lead, or iron-work, as may be laid therein, according to the directions contained in the act for external enclosures. except such piling, bridging, or planking as may be necessary for the foundations of the same."
- Method of ascertaining the rates.** *And it is also enacted, "That in valuing the several buildings before-mentioned, for the purposes of ascertaining the rates, such valuations shall be made by the district-surveyors, by as true measures and estimations as the nature of the cases will admit of."*
- Squares; how to be taken.** *And it is also enacted, "That in ascertaining the squares of buildings contained in dwelling-houses, or otherwise, that the same shall be taken by the district-surveyors, on the level of the floors at the principal entrances of such dwelling-houses, and no more than such parts of the party-walls as belong to such dwelling-houses shall be included in such admeasurements; and in case the owner or builder should apprehend him or herself injured by the admeasurements or valuations of the district-surveyors, it will then be lawful for such persons to apply to the Lord-Mayor, or to any two Justices of the Peace for redress, in whose jurisdiction the same may happen to be, and ultimately the parties aggrieved may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at their General Quarter Sessions."*
- Persons seeking redress to apply to the Lord-Mayor, &c.**
- Thickness of party-walls.** *Party-walls not being of sufficient thickness, must be taken down when one or more of the adjoining houses require to be re-built.*
- Old timbers.** *Ends of timbers lying through old party-walls to be cut off when new buildings are erected against them.*
- Scite of ground, &c.** *The old materials in old party-walls the joint property of the parties, and half the scite of the old party-wall, when pulled down.*
- On external walls.** *External walls cannot become party-walls, unless the same have been previously erected to correspond with the stipulations respecting the several thicknesses and heights of party-walls.*
- Height of party-walls.** *Party-walls must be one foot six inches above any building which shall gable against them, measuring at right angles with the backs of the rafters.*
- Recesses.** *Recesses must not be made in any party-walls of the first, second, third, or fourth, rate buildings, except for chimnies, flues, girders, and beams, and other timbers, and for the ends of walls or piers, so as to reduce such walls in parts under the thicknesses required by the Act.*
- Openings in party-walls.** *Openings must not be made in party-walls except for communications from one stack of warehouses to another, and from one stable building to another, all which communications must be fitted with iron-doors, except such passages or ways on the ground for foot-passengers, cattle, or carriages; all which passages must be arched over with brick or stone throughout, of the thickness of $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the least, in every building of the third or fourth rate; and if there be any cellars or vacuities under such passages, they must also be arched over in like manner.*
- Timbers in party-walls.** *Timbers must not be laid into party-arches, except for bond; nor to any party-wall, other than templets, chains, and bond-timbers, which may be necessary, and other than the ends of girders, beams, purlines, or of binding or trimming-joists, or of other principal timbers; all which timbers must have at least $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches of solid brick-work between the ends and sides of every such pieces of timber.*
- Party-walls must not be maimed.** *Party-arches and party-walls must not be maimed, nor the shafts of any chimney, except for the purposes of inserting the ends of new front walls, or those in the rere, &c.*
- Where party-walls may be cut.** *Where the fronts of buildings are in a line with each other a break may be cut, either in the fore or back-front, or in both, for the purpose of inserting the end of any new external wall of an intended adjoining building; but such break must not be made more than nine inches deep from the outward faces of the external walls, nor beyond the centre of the party-wall belonging to them.*
- Story-posts.** *For the convenience of inserting bressumers and story-posts to be fixed on the ground-floor, either in the front or back-wall, a recess may be cut from the*

foundation of the new wall to the height of the bressummer, fourteen inches deep from the outward face of such wall, and four inches wide in the cellar story, and 2 inches wide in the ground-story.

Incisions may also be cut in party-walls for the tailing-in of stone-steps or Stone steps. stone-landings, or for bearers to wood-stairs, or for laying in stone corbels for supporting of chimney-jambs, girders, beams, purlines, binding or trimming-joists, or other principal timbers.

In party-walls, not less than thirteen inches thick, perpendicular recesses may be cut for inserting walls or piers, but the cuts must not be more than fifteen inches in width, nor more than four inches deep; and where two or more cuts or recesses are made in the same wall, they must not be nearer than ten feet to each other.

But party-walls must not be cut for any of the foregoing purposes, if the incisions are likely to injure, displace, or endanger the timbers, chimnies, flues, or internal finishings of the adjoining buildings, and all such cuts must be made good as expeditiously as possible.

Where an independent side wall is intended to be built against a party-wall, the footing of the latter may be cut away to make room for it.

Buildings that run over gateways or public passages, or having different rooms and floors, the property of distinct owners, when re-built, must have a party-wall, and a party-arch or arches, at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick thick, for the first and second-rate buildings, and one brick thick for second and third rates, between the several rooms and floors, so belonging to different proprietors. But the buildings in the inns of court are exempt from these regulations, it being sufficient that they have party-walls where any rooms or chambers communicate with the staircases, which walls are subject to the same regulations as other party-walls.

Chimnies must not be erected on timber, except the foundations are required to be planked and piled.

In party-walls, chimnies may be built back to back; but they must not be less in thickness from the centre of such walls than as follows: for the first-rate, or adjoining to a first-rate, one-brick thick in the cellar, and half a brick in all the upper stories; for the second, third, and fourth rates, or adjoining thereto, three-fourths of a brick in the cellar, and half a brick in all the upper stories.

Chimnies in party-walls that do not stand back to back, must, in any of the four rates, be built as follows: from the external face of the party-wall, to the inward face of the back of the chimney, in the cellar story, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -brick thick; in the upper stories 1-brick from the hearth, to 12 inches above the mantle.

The backs of chimnies, which are not in party-walls, must be, for the first-rate, not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ brick in the cellar story, and 1 brick in every other story, from the hearth, to 12 inches above the mantle; for the second, third, and fourth, at least 1 brick thick in every story from the hearth, as before, or 12 inches above the mantle. In each of the rates the backs may be half a brick thinner if the chimnies are built against other walls. (*Vide the Plate.*)

Chimney-breasts in party-walls must not in any case be less than 1 brick thick in the cellar, and half a brick in every other story.

Withs between flues must not be less than half a brick thick.

Flues in party-walls may be built against each other, but must not approach nearer than 2 inches to the centres of the walls.

The backs of flues and chimnies in party-walls against vacant ground must be lime-whited, or marked in some durable manner.

Timbers must not be inserted at the openings of any chimnies for supporting the breasts, but each of the openings must be provided with one, two, or more strong wrought-iron bars for the purpose, subsequently to the openings being arched over with brick or stone.

Chimnies must be fitted with slabs or foot paces, of stone, marble, tile, or iron, at least 18 inches broad and 12 inches longer than the openings of the chimnies, when finished; and the slabs must be laid on brick-work or stone-trimmers, at

- least 18 inches broad, from the face of the chimney-breast, except where there is not any vacuity beneath, in which case they may be bedded on the ground.
- Brick funnels.** Brick-funnels must not be made on the outside of any building of the first, second, third, or fourth, rate, next to any street, square, or road, &c., so as to project beyond the general line of buildings.
- Metal funnels.** Funnels, or pipes of iron, copper, tin, &c., for the conveyance of smoke or steam, must not be fixed near any public street, court, way, &c. to houses of the first, second, third, and fourth, rates; nor must such pipes be fixed within the building nearer than 14 inches to any timber or combustible material.
- Chimney-jamb.** Chimney-jamb and breasts, &c. must be built in party-walls, where desired, by the owner of the adjoining ground.
- Owners under disabilities.** Owners of premises may be compelled to join in building party-walls. And where owners are under disabilities, or houses are uninhabited, the most summary means may be taken, under this Act, to make all the parties unite in the joint expense.
- Juries to determine.** Juries to determine what proportion of the expense shall be paid by the owners of the adjoining premises.
- Courts to give judgment.** Courts to give judgement according to the verdict in such cases, and their judgement to be binding and conclusive.
- To be recorded within fourteen days.** Such verdict to be recorded by the Town-clerk, or the Clerk of the Peace. Within fourteen days after judgement, and payment or tender of money awarded, the owners of the intermixed property may pull it down; and may also enter the adjoining buildings in the presence of a peace-officer, and may remove goods and furniture.
- Hindrance to workmen.** And persons hindering the workmen, or damaging the work, to forfeit £10. to be levied, recovered, and applied, as hereafter mentioned.
- Part of expenses repaid.** Builders to be repaid part of the expenses, according to the verdict given, within twenty-one days after the demand.
- Lord-Mayor's courts.** Court of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen may be held in the outer chamber of Guildhall in matters relating to this Act.
- County of Surrey.** Sessions for the County of Surrey to be holden in Southwark, and all adjournments touching any subject matter of complaint, to be settled within three weeks, or adjourned from time to time.
- Sheriffs and witnesses.** Court may fine the Sheriffs, or Under-Sheriffs, making default, and also any witnesses making default in attendance.
- Party-arches.** Old party-walls and party-arches, when decayed, must be re-built. The owners pulling down such party-walls or party-arches, must give three months' notice. The annexed is the prelude to the form of such notice.
- Notice to pull down party-walls.** Apprehending the party-wall, party-arch, or party-fence wall, or some part thereof, (as the case shall be) between the house, or building, or ground (as the case shall be) thereto adjoining, situate inhabited or occupied by and my house or building or ground) as the case shall be) adjoining thereto, to be so far out of repair as to render it necessary to repair, or pull down, and rebuild the same, or some part thereof. Now take notice, that I intend to have the said party-wall, party-arch, or party-fence wall (as the case shall be) surveyed, pursuant to an Act of Parliament made in 14th year of the reign of King George the Third; and that I have appointed of and of my surveyors, to meet at in being at some place within the limits aforesaid, on my behalf, on the day of next at of the clock in the of the same day (being between the hours of 6 in the morning and 6 in the afternoon.) And I do hereby require and call upon you to appoint two other surveyors, or able workmen, on your part, to meet them at the time and place aforesaid, to view the said party-wall, party-arch, or party-fence wall, (as the case shall be) and to certify the state and condition thereof, and whether the same, or any part thereof, ought to be repaired, or pulled down and rebuilt. Dated this day

Subsequent to the preceding notice being served, surveyors must be appointed by the opposite party to view the *party-walls* and *party-arches*. Two surveyors on each side.

If the major part of the surveyors do not certify within one month, other surveyors to be appointed by a justice within the district.

Walls being certified by the surveyors to be ruinous, a copy of the certificate to be delivered to the owners, &c. in three days. Walls certified to be ruinous.

Owners thinking themselves aggrieved may appeal to the general quarter sessions, whose determination shall be final. Owners may appeal

The powers of the parties intending to repair, &c., in default of appeal, may be carried into effect within 14 days after delivering the copy of the surveyor's certificate. Power to proceed in case of default of appeal.

The owners of houses of the first, second, and third rate, must give three months' notice, in writing, before pulling down *party-walls*. Three months' notice

The owners of houses having partitions of wood, must give three months' notice to owners of adjoining houses of their design to pull down the same; and afterwards they may pull down the said partitions, remove furniture, &c.

Owners of adjoining premises are to contribute in proportions to the ratios of the rates of buildings where partitions and *party-walls* are taken down. Owners, how reimbursed.

Until the proportionate expenses are adjusted and paid in building, the property in *party-walls* is vested in the builder, and subsequent to payment they become joint property. Until paid the property of the builder.

The expense of building *party-walls* or *party-arches*, is directed to be made after the rate £7. 15s. per rod for new brick-work, deducting £1. 8s. per rod for the old materials (if any) or of so much of the walls or arches as did belong to the walls taken down, and *two-pence* per foot cube for old timber. £7. 15s. per rod for brick-work, &c.

The value of brick-work having doubled since the Act passed, the current price between party and party-arches is allowed and sanctioned by all the most respectable valuers and surveyors.

Ten days after *party-walls* are finished, an account to be left with the owner of the adjoining buildings, what he is liable to pay; and in case the same is not paid within twenty-one days next after demand, then the same may be recovered with costs of suit. Ten days after wall is built, bill to be delivered, &c.

If three months' notice has been given to pull down, double costs may be recovered in the event of non-payment. Double costs.

Party-walls must be such as are required for the highest rate of building adjoining, and not to be of less thickness, and may be raised by the owner of one side. Party-walls according to the highest adjoining.

If the owner of the other side makes use of it, he must contribute to the expense.

Party-fence walls may be raised by the owner of one side, but must not be used as a *party-wall*, unless of sufficient thickness. Party-fence walls.

Owners of one side may take down a party-fence wall, and build a party-wall.

If the owner of the other side uses it other than as a party-fence wall, he must contribute to the expense.

The first builder not to lose any right of soil on account of party-wall not being half on each ground. Builder not to lose his right of soil.

If the fore and back fronts are taken down within five years, this will be deemed a rebuilding.

No timber to be introduced in or about the brick-work of ovens, coppers, &c., nor within two feet. Timber about ovens, &c.

Nor shall any timber be laid in any brick-work nearer than nine inches to the opening of any chimney, or than five inches to any flue, or nearer than five feet above the mouth.

Wood-work in the front of chimnies to be fixed by iron nails or holdfasts. Wood-work in chimnies, &c.

Sash and door-frames to be set in reveals at least four inches from the front of buildings.

Corner story-posts to streets must be of oak or stone, and twelve inches square. Corner story posts

- Coverings.** Flats and roofs, &c. must be covered with tiles, slate, lead, copper, tin, glass, or artificial stone.
- External ornaments and covered ways.** External ornaments to fronts, of first, second, third, and fourth rates, to be of brick, stone, burnt clay, artificial stone, stucco, lead, or iron, except the cornices and dressings to shop windows; except, also, covered ways which shall not extend beyond the original lines of such covered ways, which must be covered with stone, lead, copper, slate, tile, or tin. Porticos, &c. must not be higher than the one pair of stories.
- Water not to drip in streets.** Water must not drip next to any public street, square, place, court, or way, from the roofs of *first, second, third, or fourth* rates.
Water must be conveyed by lead, copper, tin, or iron pipes, or by wooden trunks, or by brick and stone funnels to the drains, or channel-stones below the surface of the ground.
- Bow-windows not to project.** Bow windows must not be built to extend beyond the lines of streets, nor are any projections, allowed beyond them, except for copings, cornices, facias, door and window-dressings, open porticos, steps, or iron palisados.
- Shop-windows and stall-boards.** Shop-windows in streets, thirty feet wide, must not project more than ten inches, and less than thirty feet, five inches, from the upright lines of the buildings; nor must cornices in streets, thirty feet wide, project more than eighteen inches, and less than thirty feet, more than thirteen inches from the upright lines of the buildings.
- Materials of bow-windows.** Bow-windows or other projections, except as before described, must be built of the same sort of materials as directed for external walls and inclosures.
- Commissioners of paving.** And it is enacted, that nothing in the act shall prejudice, lessen, or defeat, the powers granted to the commissioners of paving.
Old external walls or enclosures may be repaired with the same materials.
- Not to rebuild bow windows.** No bow-window or projection to be rebuilt, unless originally built, or within the line of the street.
- Warehouses.** Stacks of warehouses must not comprise more than thirty-five squares, including the external and internal walls; nor must any timber be laid in the brick-work of walls in warehouses, nearer than eighteen inches to the openings before described.
- Stabling, not more than 25 squares.** And stacks or ranges of stabling must not contain more than twenty-five squares, the walls of which are subject to the same provisos as warehouse-walls, and may be opened in like manner to communicate from stable to stable.
Buildings divided into distinct tenures on the ground floor to be deemed separate buildings.
- Warehouses and stabling may be divided.** Warehouses may be divided and subdivided, for the conveniency of letting the same to under-tenants; and likewise stable-buildings, which are subject to provisos in like degrees of similitude.
Buildings of the fifth and sixth rates, in distinct tenures, and not at the required distances, to be deemed nuisances, and must be taken down.
- Buildings erected contrary to Act.** Buildings of every description, not erected according to the Act, to be declared common nuisances, and the builders or owners must enter into recognizances to demolish the same, provided convictions are recorded within three months after such buildings shall have been finished.
- Power of the magistrates to cause buildings to be taken down.** Buildings deemed nuisances to be ratified by the Lord Mayor, or any two or more magistrates in the county of Middlesex or Surrey, or city and liberty of Westminster, or liberty of His Majesty's Tower of London, who may direct such buildings to be pulled down, and may authorise and cause the materials to be sold to defray the expenses, which, if insufficient, must be made good by the owner, but if any surplus arising out of the sale, the same must be paid over.
- Mayor to elect surveyors.** The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London to elect district-surveyors during their pleasure throughout the city and its liberties.
- The justices of Middlesex and Surrey, &c. to appoint surveyors.** The Justices of the Peace for the counties of Middlesex and Surrey, the city and liberty of Westminster, and the liberty of His Majesty's *Tower of London*, at their General Quarter Sessions, by the Act are empowered to elect district surveyors.

veyors in their respective jurisdictions, and to administer to such Surveyors the following oath.

I, A. B. being one of the surveyors or supervisors appointed in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of King George the Third, for the further and better regulation of Buildings and Party-walls, and for the more effectually preventing mischiefs by fire within the cities of London and Westminster, and the liberties thereof, and other the parishes, precincts, and places within the weekly Bills of Mortality, the parishes of St. Mary-la-bonne, Paddington, Saint Pancras, and Saint Luke, Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex; and for indemnifying, under certain conditions, builders and other persons, against the penalties to which they are or may be liable, for erecting buildings within the limits aforesaid, contrary to law, do swear, that upon receiving notice of any building or wall to be built, or other builder's works to be done within the district under my inspection, not being by illness or otherwise lawfully prevented, I will diligently and faithfully survey the same, and to the utmost of my abilities, endeavour to cause the rules and regulations in the said Act prescribed, to be strictly observed; and that without favor or affection, prejudice or malice.

Form of surveyor's oath, 14th Geo. III.

Penalties to which builders are liable.

So HELP ME GOD.

District-surveyors, subsequent to their election, to leave notices of their abode with the Clerks of the Peace for the counties of Middlesex and Surrey, &c.

Residences of surveyors.

Before any building, or any wall, on new or old foundations, or on foundations partly new and partly old, within the limits of the Act, shall be begun to be built, the master-workman or other person causing such building or wall to be built, shall give twenty-four hours' notice to the surveyor within whose district the same shall be; and such surveyor shall view the said buildings or walls, and see that all the rules and regulations in the Act are well and truly observed. And such surveyor or surveyors, for his or their trouble, shall be paid by such master-workman, or other person, causing such walls to be built, in the following *ratios*, That is,

Notice of building to be given to surveyors, with their rates, &c.

	£.	s.	d.	
For every first-rate building.....	3	10	0	First rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	1	15	0	
For every second-rate.....	3	3	0	Second rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	1	10	0	
For every third-rate.....	2	10	0	Third rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	1	5	0	
For every fourth-rate.....	2	2	0	Fourth rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	1	1	0	
For every fifth-rate.....	1	10	0	Fifth rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	0	15	0	
For every sixth-rate.....	1	1	0	Sixth rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	0	10	6	
For every seventh-rate.....	0	10	6	Seventh rate.
For every alteration or addition to do.....	0	5	0	

And in case of any prevarication or dispute about the payment of such fees, any two or more of His Majesty's justices of the peace for the city, county, or liberty, in which such building or wall is situate, shall, by any writing under their hands, order and appoint the same to be paid, and in default of payment, the same may be recovered by distress and sale of goods and chattels of such master-workman, or other persons, together with all reasonable costs and charges.

Fees, if not paid, summary means may be taken.

District-surveyors are liable to be discharged upon complaints of wilful neglect, or of conducting themselves unfaithfully; and the same being made evident to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, or to the Justices at the Quarter Sessions by whom the surveyors are appointed, it is in the power of the former

Surveyors liable to be discharged for misconduct.

- to discharge the latter ; and in such cases they are to be deemed, ever after, incapable of being subsequently appointed as surveyors under the Act.
- Builders liable to penalties for not giving 24 hours notice.** Master-builders, &c. in default of giving twenty-four hours' notice, to pay treble fees to the surveyor, and to forfeit £10.; and in default of payment, £20. may be recovered, and all the works demolished, if executed improperly, or else amended by an order from the Mayor or two Justices.
- Surveyors to give information.** The surveyors to give informations of irregular buildings within their several districts, either to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, or to the respective magistrates without the precincts of the city.
- Penalty on workmen.** Workmen, or servants to any master-workman, or other persons concerned in building, within the limits of the Act, wilfully, carelessly, or negligently executing any work, contrary to the directions of their employers, or to this Act, on conviction, to be fined fifty shillings, or to be committed to the house of correction, without bail or mainprize, for any time not exceeding three months, nor less than one, unless the penalties are sooner paid.
- Houses &c. must be surveyed in 14 days after covered in.** New houses or walls, &c. which are built, must be surveyed within fourteen days after covered in, and oath made of the conformity to the Act ; which oath must be filed with the Clerk of the Peace for the county, city, or liberty ; and the builder neglecting to cause such oath to be made, shall forfeit £10., and the oath must be made within one month after the conviction, on pain of the further penalty of £10., and for every subsequent month the like sum, until such affidavit shall be filed, and each of the penalties may be recovered in the most summary manner, one half of which must be paid to the overseers of the poor for their benefit, and the residue to the person or persons suing to recover the same.
- The Act does not extend to any of the king's palaces.** The Act does not extend to any of His Majesty's palaces, or to any house or building being in possession of His Majesty, or employed for his use or services.
- Owners neglecting to take down, &c.** When buildings are presented as ruinous, hoards must be put up for the safety of passengers.
- The overplus of sales.** And if the owners neglect to take down ruinous houses after notice, the Mayor and Aldermen, or overseers of the poor, may order the same to be taken down, or secured ; and they may sell the materials, and satisfy themselves out of the sales.
- To be paid to the chamberlain of London.** The overplus (if any) arising from such sales, to be paid to the owners any time within six years, on demand.
- Penalty of £100. for distilling more than ten gallons of turpentine.** But if the sale of the old materials should prove to be insufficient, the owners or occupiers must make good the deficiencies ; and subsequently the landlords, as the cases may be, shall allow the deficiencies to their tenants.
- Shipwrights exempted from the preceding clause.** In the city of London the monies raised by the sales before described, must be paid into the chamberlain's hands, and from time to time placed to the credit of the cash of the city of London.
- Fire engines, &c.** Without the precincts of the city, the monies so raised must be paid into the hands of the churchwardens and overseers, to be accounted for at the general audit.
- Not more than ten gallons of turpentine shall be distilled at any one time in houses contiguous to others, under the penalty of £100. to be recovered with treble costs, one half of which shall be paid to the overseers of the poor for their use, and the remainder to the person or persons who shall sue.
- The foregoing clause is not applicable to shipwrights, barge and boat-builders, mast-makers, or other persons employed in building or repairing ships, barges, boats, or other vessels, near the *River Thames*, from boiling or mixing oil or other materials, for the purposes of painting ships, barges, boats, masts, &c.
- Fire engines and ladders must be kept in known places in every parish.
- Fire-cocks must be fixed on the mains, and marks near the places where fire-cocks lie, at which houses instruments or keys are to be kept, in cases of fire.
- Engines and ladders to be kept in repair by every parish.

Penalty of £10. may be recovered of the church-wardens for default, and £10. penalty, which may be levied by distress. on church-wardens.

Ten shillings to be paid by the church-wardens or overseers to the turncock whose water first comes into a main or pipe at a fire.

To the engine-keeper thirty shillings, whose engine first arrives at the fire, in good order. Engine-keepers' fee.

To the second engine-keeper twenty shillings; and to the third ten shillings, each to be in good order.

But no reward to be paid without the approbation of an alderman or magistrate.

Rewards which have been paid by church-wardens for chimney-fires, to be reimbursed by lodgers and inmates, where it can be proved that the same has occurred by the chimnies not being regularly swept, &c. Lodgers, &c. re-imburse.

The mayor and justices are empowered to enforce such reimbursements.

United parishes are to be deemed as one parish only.

Large parishes may have more than one engine, the expenses of which must be defrayed out of the poor-rates, together with rewards to turncocks, engine-keepers, &c. &c. More engines than one in large parishes.

Watermen retained by the insurance offices must not be impressed.

Monies insured on houses burnt, may be laid out at the discretion of the Governors of Insurance Companies in rebuilding, unless securities are given within sixty-one days, that the insurances claimed will be laid out in rebuilding.

Servants by carelessness firing houses, or other buildings, to forfeit £100., or to be imprisoned eighteen months. Carelessness of servants.

Constables and beadles, on notices being given, immediately to repair to buildings on fire. Constables and beadles.

No actions to lie against a person where fires accidentally begin.

Distresses not to be deemed unlawful for want of form, nor are the party or parties to be considered trespassers, on account of any defect of routine in the proceedings. Distresses for want of form, not unlawful.

Persons cannot recover if tenders of sufficient amends have been previously made.

No order of the mayor or justices, or other proceedings, to be removed by *certiorari* or any other writ or process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's courts of record at *Westminster*. Orders of justices cannot be removed.

When persons feel themselves aggrieved by any conviction, commitment, distress, order, or judgment, of the mayor of the city of London for the time being, or of any justice or justices of the peace, made out of sessions, he, she, or they, may appeal to the justices at the general quarter-sessions. If parties feel aggrieved, may appeal.

Provided such persons intending to appeal, shall, within two days after conviction, enter into recognizances to hold him or themselves responsible for all costs that may be incurred, provided his or their applications to the magistrates in sessions should prove ineffectual. Provided appellants give securities for costs.

Parishioners may be witnesses, and shall be deemed competent to give evidence upon any trial concerning any offence committed against the Act. Parishioners may be witnesses.

No action shall be commenced against any person or persons for any penalties incurred by this Act, unless the same shall have been commenced within six calendar months after the offence committed.

Nor shall any actions be commenced against any person or persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, until twenty-one days after notice in writing, nor after the expiration of three calendar months subsequent to the fact committed: and if sufficient satisfaction is tendered previous to the action being commenced, the jury or juries to find for the defendant or defendants, with treble costs of suit, which may be recovered in like manner as in all such cases. Limitations of actions, &c.

The foregoing contains the substance of the present Act, which concludes with repealing all former Acts; and enacting, that the present one shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all judges, justices, and other persons whomsoever, without pleading the same. Concluding observations on the building Act.

DUTIES ON WINDOWS.

IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY GEORGE IV. THE
SUBSEQUENT DUTIES WERE LEVIED ON WINDOWS, AND PAYABLE FROM
AND AFTER THE FIFTH OF APRIL, 1823.

Rules for regulating the Duties on Windows.

The duties must be charged annually, as regards the windows of every dwelling house, with all the offices appertaining.

Stairs, garrets, &c. Sky-lights, as well as windows in stair-cases, garrets, cellars, and passages, &c. of dwelling-houses, to whatever use applied, whether in the *interior* or *exterior*, are chargeable with the following duties :

Contiguous or detached buildings. Windows, or lights to kitchens, cellars, sculleries, butteries, pantries, larders, wash-houses, laundries, bake-houses, brew-houses, and lodging-rooms, appertaining to any dwelling-house, whether the same be within, or contiguous, or separated from the main body of such dwelling, must be charged with the said duties.

5th April in every year. The duties must be charged yearly upon the occupier, for one entire year, from the 5th of April, and must be levied upon such occupier or his, her, or their executors, except as subsequently provided.

How parties are to proceed in the event of changes. When changes in the occupations shall take place after the assessments, then the duties charged on the occupiers must be paid by the occupiers, landlords, or owners for the time being, or levied on each and all of them, according to the proportionate times of possession, without any new assessments, not regarding the changes in occupations. But where tenants shall quit on the termination of their leases, and shall have previously given notices to the assessors, the duties shall be discharged for the remainder of the year, provided it shall appear to the commissioners at the end of such year, that such house or houses shall have continued ENTIRELY unoccupied for the remainder of that year.

When occupied by divers persons. Where dwelling-houses are let in separate apartments, and shall from time to time be occupied by two or more persons, the same must be charged as if such houses were occupied by *one* only ; and the landlords must be deemed to be the occupiers, and charged accordingly. But where the landlords shall not happen to reside within the districts of collectors, and the window duties shall remain unpaid by *such* landlords for twenty-one days after due, they must be levied on the occupiers, and such payments in advance must be allowed by the landlords out of the next rents.

Safe keeping of houses. Houses which are left to the safe keeping of servants, or other persons, are fully subject to the same duties as if they were entirely occupied by the owners or tenants ; and if such persons do not pay rates to the church and poor, the said duties must be paid by the owners or tenants.

Inns of Court, Cambridge and Oxford. Distinct chambers in the inns of court, or of chancery, or in any college or hall, in either of the universities of Cambridge or Oxford, or in any public hospital, are subject to the same duties as entire houses, which duties must be paid by the occupiers ; but such chambers which shall not contain more than *seven* windows, shall be charged at the rate of three shillings each.

Public Companies, &c. Dwelling-rooms in halls or offices of any description belonging to persons, or bodies politic or corporate, or to companies charged with the payments of other taxes or parish rates, are subject to the duties, and such places must be charged as dwelling-houses ; and those to whom the duties shall appertain, must be charged as the occupiers.

When partitions or divisions between two or more windows or lights, fixed in one frame, are or shall be of the breadths or spaces of twelve inches, the windows or lights on each side of such partitions or divisions, shall be charged as distinct windows. Twelve inches between windows.

Windows extending so far as to give light into more rooms, landings, or stories than one, must be charged as so many separate windows, and equal in number to the rooms, landings, or stories, which are thereby so lighted. More than one.

Windows, including the frames, partitions, and divisions, which, by admeasure-ment of the entire spaces of the apertures in the walls of houses or buildings on the outsides of such windows, shall exceed in height 12 feet, or in breadth 4 feet 9 inches, and not being less than 3 feet 6 inches in height, shall be estimated and charged as two windows, except such as shall have been made of greater dimensions prior to the 5th of April, 1785; and except, also, the windows in shops, workshops, and warehouses; and except, also, the windows in public rooms, licensed to sell wine, ale, or other liquors, by retail, for the entertainment of guests; and except, likewise, the windows in farm-houses. Size of windows.

Dwelling-houses which may be divided into different tenements, being separate properties, are subject to the same duties as entire houses, and the duties must be paid by the respective occupiers; but every tenement throughout England and Wales, to the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, which does not contain more than seven windows, shall be rated at 3s. per window, and in Scotland at 2s. per window. Dwelling-houses, divided into tenements.

The palaces, houses, or other buildings appertaining to His Majesty, or to any of the Royal Family, and likewise all the public-offices, for which the duties heretofore have been paid by His Majesty, or out of the public revenue, are exempt from the duties last imposed. Royal palaces and public offices exempt.

Hospitals, charity-schools, or houses provided for poor persons, or rooms licensed as chapels, must be brought into account by the assessors or surveyors, and must be stated in the certificates of assessments as such; and upon satisfactory proofs of the facts before the commissioners by the assessors, the commissioners are bound to discharge such hospitals, charity-schools, houses for poor persons, and rooms licensed as chapels, from the subsequent duties.

The apartments in hospitals, charity-schools, or houses provided for poor persons, which are occupied by the officers or servants of such establishments, must be assessed proportionately to entire dwelling-houses; but windows of rooms licensed for the purposes of Divine worship, and not used for any other purpose, are exempt. Hospitals, chapels, &c.

The windows in dairies or cheese-rooms appertaining to, and occupied with, dwelling-houses, when used by the occupiers for the purposes of keeping butter and cheese, their own produce, either for sale or private use, are exempt from the duties, provided the apertures of the windows are composed of splines, wooden laths, or iron bars, and entirely without glass, and that the occupiers shall paint on the outer door, in large roman characters, the words *Dairy* or *Cheese-room*; and provided also that such dairies, or cheese-rooms, shall not at any time be used to dwell or sleep in, but shall be kept entirely for the purposes before-mentioned; and provided, also, that assessments of all such windows shall be duly made, and the facts reported to the commissioners, in the manner directed in similar cases of exemption before described. Dairies or cheese-rooms.

It is apprehended that the duties on Windows are amongst those which His Majesty's Ministers have in contemplation to repeal, which event we sincerely hope will soon take place, for the sake of our friends in the Building Profession, as well as our fellow-subjects in general.

LIST OF DUTIES ON WINDOWS.

Number of Windows that the Occupiers and Owners of Houses are to be charged with.	Duties to be charged on Win- dows.	Number of Windows that the Occupiers and Owners of Houses are to be charged with.	Duties to be charged on Win- dows.
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
No. 6, Window duty is	0 4 0	32 Windows.....	10 13 3
If houses, with their offices and gardens, are not worth the yearly rent of £5., and not exceeding 6 windows..	0 3 3	33 do.....	11 1 6
7 windows.....	0 10 0	34 do.....	11 10 0
8 do.....	0 16 6	35 do.....	11 18 3
9 do.....	1 1 0	36 do.....	12 6 9
10 do.....	1 8 0	37 do.....	12 15 0
11 do.....	1 16 3	38 do.....	13 3 6
12 do.....	2 4 9	39 do.....	13 12 0
13 do.....	2 13 3	40 to 44, do.....	14 8 9
14 do.....	3 1 9	45 to 49, do.....	15 16 9
15 do.....	3 10 0	50 to 54, do.....	17 5 0
16 do.....	3 18 6	55 to 59, do.....	18 13 0
17 do.....	4 7 0	60 to 64, do.....	19 17 9
18 do.....	4 15 0	65 to 69, do.....	21 0 3
19 do.....	5 3 9	70 to 74, do.....	22 2 6
20 do.....	5 12 3	75 to 79, do.....	23 5 0
21 do.....	6 0 6	80 to 84, do.....	24 7 6
22 do.....	6 9 0	85 to 89, do.....	25 10 0
23 do.....	6 17 6	90 to 94, do.....	26 12 3
24 do.....	7 5 9	95 to 99, do.....	27 14 9
25 do.....	7 14 3	100 to 109, do.....	29 8 6
26 do.....	8 2 9	110 to 119, do.....	31 13 3
27 do.....	8 11 0	120 to 129, do.....	33 18 3
28 do.....	8 19 6	130 to 139, do.....	36 3 0
29 do.....	9 8 0	140 to 149, do.....	38 8 0
30 do.....	9 16 3	150 to 159, do.....	40 12 9
31 do.....	10 4 9	160 to 169, do.....	42 17 9
		170 to 179, do.....	45 2 6
		180 do. and upwards	46 11 3

And all such dwelling-houses which shall contain more than 180 windows, or lights, for every window or light, exceeding 180 in number, each window or light must be charged after the rate of 1s. 6d. per window.

Duties on Houses occupied.—For every house inhabited, which shall be worth, with the offices, gardens, &c. attached thereto, £5. per annum, and under £20, the yearly rent of 1s. 6d. in the pound; from £20 to £40., 2s. 3d. in the pound; from £40. and upwards, 2s. 10d. in the pound. *This duty it is also sincerely desired will be repealed.*

THIS ACT, for better Paving, Improving, and Regulating the Streets of the Metropolis; and also for removing and preventing Nuisances and Obstructions therein, was passed into a Law on the 16th of June, 1817, in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of our late King, George the Third.

It contains many wise and salutary regulations, which are essential to be known to the inhabitants of this great town, but more especially to those who are concerned in the building profession; and, as a Local Act, is recommended to the perusal of all who are, in any respect, interested in whatever concerns the improvement of the Cities of London, Westminster, and environs.

By the fifty-third clause of the said Act, it is enacted, That no person or persons shall take or break up, or cause to be taken or broken up, any pavement in any street or public place, in any parochial or other district within the jurisdiction of this Act, or make any alteration therein, under any pretence whatsoever, without the consent of the commissioners or trustees, or other persons having the controul of pavements, or their surveyor or surveyors for the time being, first obtained and certified under the hand or hands of their clerk or clerks, or their surveyor or surveyors for the time being; and that all persons to whom such consent shall be granted, shall be subject and liable to all the provisions in the Act contained, in respect to the Water and Gas-Light Companies and the Commissioners of Sewers, as to the reparation of the pavements, and as to the removal of all rubbish and other obstructions; and as to the provision of bars, watchmen, and other securities, and to all penalties by this Act imposed on the breach of any such provisions respectively, and to such other conditions and regulations as the said Commissioners or Trustees, or other persons consenting, as aforesaid, shall stipulate and direct, and shall obey and perform the same; and that in case any person or persons, (except Water and Gas-Light Companies, and the Commissioners of Sewers, and who are to conform to the particular provisions of this Act relating to them,) shall take or break up, or cause to be taken or broken up, or shall wilfully damage any pavement in any street or public place, or shall make or cause to be made any alteration therein, without such consent, as aforesaid, then any and every such person or persons, in every such case so offending, shall, for each and for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not less than *Five Pounds*, nor exceeding *Ten Pounds*: and also, for each and every square foot of pavement, exceeding one foot, so taken or broken up or altered, or so wilfully damaged, shall forfeit and pay any sum, not being less than *Five Pounds*, nor exceeding *Ten Pounds*, which may be recovered in the same manner in which other penalties and forfeitures are directed to be recovered, by virtue of the said Act.

Builders recommended to consult surveyors.

It being, therefore, important to builders and others not to violate any of the clauses in the Paving-Act, perhaps they cannot proceed more discreetly than to consult the paving-surveyor before any alterations in the pavements are presumed to be made; and as the names of such surveyors are conspicuously painted on boards, posted in every parish where the Act applies, information may be speedily obtained, and *without any expense*.

ON STREET-PAVIORS' WORKS.

Macadamizing streets.

If the proposed plans for Macadamizing the streets of London, and other large towns, could be consistently carried into effect, the business of the *Street Pavior* would presently merge into the speculative views of the parochial or county-road maker; but as long as common-sense prevails, we are satisfied that Macadamizing will not be general in the narrow streets of any great commercial town, where the intercourse of heavy carriages are indispensable to carry on the commerce of the country. In wide streets, upon inclined planes, such as Regent-street, Oxford-road, Holborn, Saint James', and Parliament-street, and in many others, if the center parts were paved with granite for heavy carriages, and the sides Macadamized, no doubt is entertained that the principle would, in the course of time, be generally approved; but in narrow streets, constantly thronged with heavy-laden carriages, roads, such as those made by the *ancients*, and recommended by Mr. M'Adam, never can, we think, answer the purpose. Upon the bridges, and in parts contiguous to places of Divine worship, as well as Courts of Justice, they should be sanctioned and recommended; as also in the squares at the west-end of the town, where tranquillity is most desirable to the inhabitants, many of whom, from their daily vocations, are compelled to spend considerable portions of their time in the noisy streets of the city, amidst the din of carts, horses, and vehicles of every sort.

How to measure.

Street as well as other paviers' works, are measured by the superficial square yard; but the better sort of paving, to foot-ways, consisting of Purbeck and Yorkshire paving, is measured and valued at per foot superficial, and curb stones at per foot running measure.

Average Prices of Street-Paviors' Work in London.

Moor-stone paving.	Moor-stone curbs, according to their thickness, and worth from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. and 3s. per foot run.
	Moor-stone paving, about 3½ inches thick, is worth from 1s. 8d. to 2s. and 2s. 4d. per foot super.
Yorkshire, Purbeck, &c.	Yorkshire curb-stone is worth from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. and 3s. per foot run.
	3-inch Yorkshire paving, per foot super, 1s. 3d.
	2½-inch do. 1s. per foot super.
	Yorkshire Channel stone, per foot run, 1s. 6d.
	Purbeck do. do. 1s. 9d.
	Old paving squared and re-laid, per foot super, 3d.
Kentish-rag, &c.	Old curb stones re-set, per foot run, 3d.
	Holes cut in flag-stones, for coal-plates, according to their sizes, from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d. and 2s. each.
	Common Maidstone or Kentish-Rag paving, is worth from 3s. 9d. to 4s. and 4s. 3d. per yard, gravel included.
	New Purbeck squares are worth from 8s. 6d. to 9s. and 10s. per yard.

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Mile End, New Town
Saint Paul, Shadwell

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		Hamlet of Ratcliff
		St. John, Wapping
		Mile End, Old Town
		Mile End, Poplar
	Stepney	

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KINNAIRD, Mr. William, 99, Great Russel	{ St. George, Bloomsbury
Street	{ St. Giles in the Fields

L.

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	{ St. John, Hackney

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	{ St. Mary Bow, by Stratford
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Street, Camberwell	{ St. Olave, Southwark
	{ St. Thomas, Southwark
	{ Bassishaw Ward
	{ Bishopsgate Ward within
	{ Bishopsgate Ward without
MONTAGUE, Mr. James, Office of Works,	{ Broad Street Ward
Guildhall	{ Coleman Street Ward
	{ Cornhill Ward
	{ Cripplegate Ward within
	{ Cripplegate Ward without
	{ Aldersgate Ward within
	{ Aldersgate Ward without
MONTAGUE, Mr. William, Office of Works,	{ St. Bartholomew the Great
Guildhall	{ St. Bartholomew the Less
	{ Cheap Ward
	{ Farringdon Ward without

P.

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	{ St. Margaret, Westminster
PORTER, Mr. George, Fort Place, Ber-	{ St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey
mondsey	{ St. Mary, Rotherhithe

R.

ROPER, Mr. David, 10, Stamford Street,	{ Christ Church, Southwark
Blackfriars' Road	{ St. George, Southwark
	{ St. Saviour, Southwark

S.

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	{ Precinct of Bridewell
	{ Bridge Ward
	{ Candlewick Ward
	{ Castle-Baynard Ward
SMITH, Mr. George, 8, Bread Street Hill..	{ Cordwainers' Ward
	{ Dowgate Ward
	{ Farringdon Ward within
	{ Queenhithe Ward
	{ Vintry Ward
	{ Wallbrook Ward

W.

WHARTON, Mr. Matthew, Sen. 20, Spital	{ Liberty of Norton Falgate
Square	{ St. Leonard, Shoreditch
WHARTON, Mr. Matt., Jun. Stepney Causeway..	{ St. Mary, Whitechapel
WHITE, Mr. John, New Road, opposite De-	{ St. Mary-la-bonne
vonshire Place	

Common country boulder paving, from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d., 2s., 2s. 3d., and 2s. 6d. Prices for street-paving.
per yard.
7-inch granite paving, from 8s. 6d. to 9s. and 10s. 6d. per yard.
9-inch do. from 11s. to 12s. and 13s. per yard.
Common 7-inch pebble-paving, from 5s. to 5s. 6d. and 6s. per yard.
Common 9-inch do., from 6s. to 6s. 6d. and 7s. per yard.
Common pebble-paving from 18s., to 20s., 22s. and 24s. per ton.
Common Kentish Rag-stones, from 11s. to 12s., 13s., and 14s. per ton.
Pavior, per day, from 4s. to 4s. 6d. and 4s. 9d.
Labourer, do, from 3s. to 3s. 3d., 3s. 6d., and 3s. 9d.
Gravel, according to its qualities, from 5s. 6d. up to 6s., 7s. 8s., and 9s. per load.

MEMORANDA.—For the value of each sort of brick-paving, as well as Portland and other choice pavements, our friends are referred to the MASTER-BRICKLAYERS', MASONS', and STONE-CUTTERS' PRICES, &c. &c.

ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, MEASURERS, AND VALUATORS' LICENSES.

By the perusal of the 46th and 48th of George the Third, relative to valua- Acts of Parlia-
tors, &c., it is manifest that *Architects, Surveyors, &c.*, are as much subject to ment.
those acts as the most *Common Appraisers*.

It is true, that professional men are not termed what are usually called ap- Architects and
praisers; yet, to all intents and purposes, they are valuator, when they undertake surveyors are
to ascertain and fix the prices of artificers' works, &c.; and, under these cir- appraisers.
cumstances, are certainly liable to the penalties imposed by the acts in question,
and therefore should annually take out licenses to enable them legally to recover
their fees; the cost of which is only six shillings per annum.

The act unequivocally states, that no person shall exercise the calling or occu- Name and
pation of an appraiser, or act as such, within the intent and meaning of the law, place of abode
without annually taking out a licence, which must state the true name, and place of of surveyors,
abode, of the person taking out the same, and to be dated 6th July, in every year; be procured
and persons offending or practising without obtaining such licence, are subject in licence, to
to the penalty of *Fifty Pounds*, which may be recovered in the most summary office.
manner. It is therefore important to professional men to take out their licenses
annually, as, without the same, they are constantly subject to the penalty before
mentioned; and, what is still worse, rendered incapable of recovering the amount
of their professional fees.

The 48th of George the Third, also recites the duties on the valuation of 48th Geo. III.
estates, effects, real or personal, hereditary or moveable, or of any interests
therein, or of the annual value thereof, or of any dilapidations, or of any re-
pairs wanted, or of the materials and labour used, or in any buildings, or of
any artificers' works whatsoever, where the amounts of such appraisements or
valuations shall not exceed £50., a stamp of 2s. 6d.

	£.	s.	d.	
From £50. to £100.....	0	5	0	Stamps on valuations.
— £100. to £200.....	0	10	0	
— £200. to £500.....	0	15	0	
— Exceeding £500.....	1	0	0	

And the same act furthermore states, That every APPRAISER or SURVEYOR Valuations to
shall write, or set down, in letters, words, or figures, every valuation or appraise- be delivered
ment made by him, or them, being the full amount; and, within fourteen days within 14 days.

after making the same, that he, or they, shall deliver such valuation or valuations to his or their employers, on pain of forfeiting for each neglect, in not delivering such valuations or appraisements, being the full amount, on paper or parchment, not duly stamped, the sum of *Fifty Pounds*, to be recovered in the same manner as the penalties for not taking out annual licenses.

Persons employing appraisers, rules to be observed.

And the same act also recites, That any person, who shall employ any surveyor or appraiser, to make any such valuations or appraisements, that such persons shall not pay, or make any compensation, for the making of any such valuations or appraisements, unless the same shall be written, or set down, in words or figures, upon paper or parchment duly stamped; nor shall any such surveyor or appraiser receive, or take any compensation, for his or their trouble, unless the stipulations herein mentioned are duly complied with, and the paper, or parchment, duly stamped; the violation of which clause not only subjects the employer, but the employed, to the full penalty of *Twenty Pounds*, which may be recovered in the same manner as the penalties for not regularly taking out annual licenses, in expectation of receiving any *gain, fee, or reward*, for making VALUATIONS.

207. penalty.

Appraisements or valuations, made in pursuance of any orders from the Court of Admiralty, are exempt.

Nor are auctioneers liable to the above penalties, who regularly take out their licenses.

Professional charges

Architects' and Building-Surveyors' charges in London, &c., for making plans, elevations, sections, specifications, and estimates, including superintendence, is 5 per cent. upon the ascertained value of the buildings, which per centage is divided into four equal parts: the *first*, for plans and general particulars; the *second*, for detailed estimates and specifications; the *third*, for superintendence; and the *fourth*, for measuring and settling tradesmens' accounts; and when distant from the metropolis, all extra expenses of travelling in addition thereto.

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